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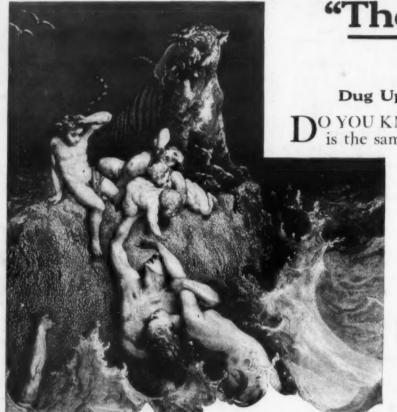
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Bull Moose and Rattlesnakes



By Peter Clark Macfarlane

"PERSONALLY conducted" A visit to the annual snake dance of the Hopi Indians in the prehistoric village of Walpi, on the top of an impregnable rock six hundred feet above the floor of the Painted Desert and eighty-five miles from the railroad.

OOT! Toot! At 5.45 in the morning the long Santa Fe train creaks softly, considerate of sleepers, to a stand at Flagstaff. The Governor of Arizona and the warden of the penitentiary are both upon the platform to meet us. No cutting remarks, please. This is not eternal vigilance, but Arizona hospitality, which gets up earlier and stays out as late as the kind we have at home.

Honk! Honk!

We are off, the Governor, the warden, the chauffeur, the interpreter, the photographer, and last, but not least in weight, the correspondent. Our journey begins at sunrise through the cool pine uplands of the San Francisco mountains. It ends at sunset one hundred miles away, under the foot of Walpi, on the far edge of the blistering Painted Desert.

Walpi is on a mesa about the shape of the sole of a shoe. It rises sheer from the flat of the desert floor. Six hundred feet thick is the sole. It is not a hill; it is a rock. On its top is no sign of vegetation. The wind for uncomputed centuries has blown the least flowly left for the rock is least fleck of dust from its top. And the rock is battlemented. It looks like a huge fortification. Three villages, so closely grown they look like one, crown the summit. Walpi is the westernmost, near the toe of the sole

The Desert Levee of the Bull Moose

NA CIRCLE round the foot of the south side of this acclivity, at intervals of from a quarter to half a mile, are small groups of buildings, stores, missions, schools, and cottages, mostly built of the stone and mud of the desert, and mostly roofed with corrugated from

Senator Hubbell, the Indian trader, who has made himself our host, points to a long, one-story house balf a mile further along the foot of the mesa, and tells us it is ours; that there they will "ent us and sleep us." Our party is broken here and reloaded. Some one else gets the Governor in his car and starts to take him to his new quarters.

A man with a bulldog face and thick glasses, with a red handkerchief about his throat, appears from a mess room near. He has heard that the Governor of Arizona is there, and hails him. But the Governor's car has started up the sand hill; the sand is so soft the chauffeur dares not stop, and the Governor, wishing it not at all, finds himself hauled off helplessly. The man with the buildog face has run a few yards along the road in an endeavor to overtake him, but, seeing the futility of the attempt, stops

The man is Roosevelt.

The Colonel is just out of the Grand Cañon, back from the Natural Bridge of Utah, from cougar shooting and four or five weeks in the wilds. He shows a rawhide toughness. The tan of the desert is on him. a rawning toughness. The tan of the desert is on him. He looks like a piece of it. He, too, is all sand and color. But he is eager to get a foot on the car step of civilization. He wants to know the news—what is happening in Washington, in Mexico, and Albany.

People crowd round—men and women who have met him, known him everywhere—and he places them

all unhesitatingly. He overflows with instant recollection; he bubbles opinion on

every subject that flashes into conversation: his allusion skips round the world—it leaps back and forth in Amer history, it connects a whisper in a royal cabinet or recalls the talk of a hunter's camp fire. Standing on the flat, with the sunset glow upon his features, and the village of the voices of an undecipherable past towering far above us, this strangely human man, so loved and so hated, so trusted and feared, so honored by world, so full of the steam of red-hot conviction, so full of the warmth and frost of incisive personality, so charged with the tingle and zest of life, holds a remarkable relife, holds a remarkable re-ception. Male and female, white and red, raw and re-fined, slit gowns and breech-clouts are included in this desert levee. It ends when one of his boys comes up, clad in denim jumper and over-alls, takes him affectionately by the arm and leads him off to the room in the little school where he will sleep to-night.

What interests us most about our own quarters when we get to them is the kitchen

and dining room in one, its furniture, a stove, a white man, a Mexican, an Indian, a long, low pine table, man, a Mexican, an Indian, a long, low pine table, two benches, improvised from planks on nail kegs—and FOOD!—plenty of it—the best that will stand transportation to the desert. But it is unprepared. Darkness has fallen. The only light is the glare from the stove and one dim lantern ray. We look in from outside, hungrily. The cooks move about in the interest of the langer of the cooks move about in the langer of the la from outside, hungrily. The cooks move about in the inner dimness like ghosts. Something sputters in hot grease. Things metallic and hollow clatter on the long table. By and by a voice comes to the door

and shouts: "Come and get it!" We go and we

Inspection of boudoirs comes next. Floor space or twenty men, ample comforts of heavy fustian, for twenty men, ample comforts of heavy fustian, but walls and an atmosphere redolent of too many pasts. Why sleep in that when all outdoors is at hand? We lie down in long rows in the open. Fleecy clouds with rain shadows in them play hide and seek with a beautiful moon and some pale-looking stars. There is talk of tarantulas, centipedes, and such like torments. A burro brays discordantly. and such like torments. A burro brays discordantly. A Governor snores, ditto. A correspondent also, it is alleged. During the night some sleep is discovered and many uncharted bones.

Morning, and thoughts the Snake Race at dawn. kick ourselves out, and others. We hunt the trail that leads to the top of the rock. It is a stiff climb, but we do it in good time; and where the horse trail comes in we make out in the dim gray light, astride a white mare, a figure, thick almost to squatti-ness when mounted, sitting motionless, surveying the panoramic valley over which the golden shadows of the coming dawn begin to chase each other. It is the Colonel! His face has a rapt look. Of what is he thinking? Of Buffalo? Of Washington? Of Chicago, or Milwaukee? It is obvious the man has plenty to think

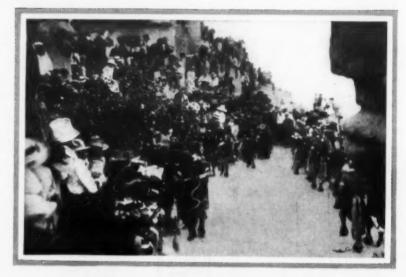


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The Inscrutable Rock

HE WAVES a hand to us, and, turning, leads the way to the top, where he leaves his horse and continues on foot. The Snake Race comes up over the toe of the shoe; we are now near the heel. The top of this rock is rock, solid rock—I must write it again. And the surface is uneven, as if it had cooled too quickly. In the rock appear

trails-in some places more than a foot in depth, worn trails—in some places more than a foot in depth, worn by the bare feet of centuries. This rock reeks history, but the history is mostly velled. The obscuring curtain trembled and rolled up in 1540 when Coronado heard of these people and sent his lieutenant, Pedro de Tobar, to visit them. Back of that the history is sealed, inscrutable as the rock. How long have they been there? Nobody knows. Bare feet were perhaps waaring these cuttors in the rock when Bichard the wearing these gutters in the rock when Richard the Lion-Hearted was battling with Saladin for the Holy Sepulcher: perhaps even when Charlemagne was weld



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ing the loose hinges of his empire. But the ethnologists would rather flout this, and the historians. They think these people had not been here so very long when Coronado found

them. We, the United States, are trying

to educate these people in books.

We have cut the hair of their children; we have forced

the boys into trousers and girls into peticoats. But the people are almost unchanged.

This is a suffragette village, by the way. The women own the property. The women do the pro-posing. The bridegroom goes to live at the home of posing. The bridegroom goes to live at the home of the bride; and if some day, coming home, he finds his saddle and bridle on the doorstep, that is his divorce. He can do nothing but accept service and depart.

They are a nature folk, these Hopls, who dislike war and whose very name means peaceful people. To escape their enemies they fled to the desert and sprouts nothing, grows nothing. Yonder is their granary, the desert floor; here and there the flocks of goats and sheep; here and there the tiny unfenced spots sliced out from the wild by a stroke of the hoe, in which grow the peculiar little, thickly bunched, short-stalked corn, the melous and the beautiful to the corn, the melous and the beautiful the leaves that each of the corn, the melous and the beautiful the corn the corn that the beautiful the corn the corn the corn the corn that the corn the cor short-stalked corn, the melons, and the beans, that are the life of the people on Gibraltar. Many times upon the nearest desert we have passed these little fields, no more than an acre or so in extent, lonely as cemeteries, with only a scarecrow to guard them, and near which was no human habitation. The habitation is in this rectangular hive upon the rock. Out from here in the morning, into here at night, the Hopi Indian will run

his twenty miles with less distress than the Harlemite gets home on the El or in the Subway.

The Hopi's life depends very closely upon nature. God send him a few drops of rain upon the desert! God bend a little to one side the down-stabbing rays of the sun, and he asks no more! The clouds, the lightings the throngs the rains of the sun. lightning, the thunder, the rain, these are the manifestations of nature which he takes to be the answers to his humble prayers

Snake Race the Hopi Marathon

HE Snake Race, the Snake Dance, and the eight days of secret ceremonial which precede them.
all have to do with the worship of nature,
with the formulating of his petition to the ka-tci-nas,
the spirits within the earth, which are the only gods he knows.
But we have come to Walpi now.

The toe of

the rock is entirely bare, and just before we pass the last of the houses we notice a cistern with the long, roundless arms of a ladder sticking out of it, like the antenne of some giant katydid. This is not a cistern, however, but an underground sacred chamber, or kiva—prosacred chamber, or kiva—pro-nounced kee-va. The one at which we are looking is the Kiva of the Snake Priests' Order. Upon our right and a little in advance is the Kiva of the Antelope Order. From the depths of the Antelope Kiva come the sounds of incantation, a monotonous, ghostly, rhyth-mic wall, sobbing up from the darkness. We know that for eight days that chant has been eight days that chant has been going on. For the last four of the eight days snake-catching parties have been going out: the first day to the north, the second day to the west, the third day to the south, the fourth day to the east. From

this droning depth a youth appears, naked to the waist, and calls out insolently to the passing spectators: "Go away! Go away!" One of the snake priests takes a serpent in his mouth-the snake: are of several kinds, but the ma-

Colonel Roosevelt stands like the others, indignant at this greeting. "Go away!" growls the Indian, growls the Indian. harsher still.

The Colonel's small blue eyes dilate. He transfixes to Indian with a glunce. We are not looking in there," he declares with his soft Southern rounding of r's, at the same time pointing to the opening in which the Indian stands; then

adds flatly and emphatically: "You

keep still!" The Indian stares a moment, sur-prised and doubtful. It is a fine clash of spirits. He does not know who the handkerchiefthe handkeremer-throated stranger may be, but can brook the gaze of those blue stilettos and the thrust of bulldog jaw for a few seconds only, then wilts incontinently into the blackness

The Colonel then turns and motions to the sightseers.
"Do not look in there," he says.
"We should respect We should respect

Governor G. W. P. Hunt of Arizona (to the right) and Mr. Macfarlane their ceremonies." The people keep back respectfully, and the Colonel remarks in an aside: "When an Indian is insolent, he is very insolent indeed; and that is why I 'called' him."

Viva, Colonel! That's what makes us like you, Indians and all

Indians and all.

But the Snake Race. We see gayly festooned squaws and marvelously whitewashed and frescoed pappooses turning their faces away to the north. Far papposes turning their taces away to the north. Far across the valley, as the purple dawn crept over the range, the race began. For many minutes they have been running, but we do not see them. Now they appear, a line of moving ants stringing across the floor of the valley, traveling with astonishing speed. They are across the river, past the sand waste,

The purification ceremony which took place on the other side of the rock from the dance plaza was most thorough

around the sheep corral, and scoot ing through the end of the peach orchard so swiftly we can hardly realize these are men on foot. The leader has gained the shadow of the rock, six hundred feet below, and we can see him leaping up the

most thorough and we can see him leaping up the trail, proudly, angle by angle, as if the task were play. Disappearing from sight for a moment, he suddenly dashes into view over the top of the toe. He is a clouted nude; his skin is beautifully bronzed; his legs are straight and slender; his waist is small; his chest swells gloriously. What a torso! What a magnificent play of the muscles! His long black hair flows over his maked shoulders and bounds at every springing step like a mass of plumes. He is not even breathing hard after his many-mile dash as he leaps across the face of the rock and dives into the Antelope Kiva, where they receive him with marks of victory and bestow the bowl of sacred fluid with which later he, Mah-tsvuh, bowl of sacred fluid with which later he, Mah-tsvuh, will fertilize his fields. That, and the honor of win-ning this snaky Marathon for 1913, are quite enough to make Mah-tsvuh a very happy Hopi.

The Setting for the Snake Dance

AND now, on top of the Antelope Kiva, appears another nude in bronze, marvelously muscled, not in lumps and knots, but with fine-drawn thews in lumps and knots, but with fine-drawn thews of plaited steel. This man stands and spins about his head, on a piece of cord, a small strip of wood, which makes a humming sound, supposed to resemble thunder. This man is called the bull roarer. Twice or thrice in all earnestness the bull roarer roars and descends again to prayer.

descends again to prayer.

But with the finish of the race our minds revert to breakfast, and we filter back down the hill. One o'clock in the afternoon, however, sees us on hastily-commandeered Indian ponies climbing to the rock again for the great event, to see which we have jouragain for the great event, to see which we have journeyed, all of us, from fifty to a thousand miles. The dance takes place on a stage or plaza the size of a small croquet ground. One boundary of this croquet ground is the sheer edge of the cliff: the other side is the broken, concaving line of some rather pretentious houses, two stories or more in height, which rise and fall back story by story, like huge steps, their windows, porches, and roofs making a sort of natural amphitheater from which to view the performance. At one end of this croquet ground is Snake Rock, a monolith twenty feet high, six feet thick, and frenkishly eroded. This rock is one of the stake boats for the dance:

the stake boats for the dance; the other is imaginary, but lies at the opposite limit of the plaza, directly in front of a porch some four feet by twelve in size and three feet above the

surface level.
This porch is the ideal spot from which to view the dance. It is reserved for the Colonel and his party, the Governor and his, the Assistant Indian Commissioner and his. There are stools for the honorables and There is standing the ladies. room for the rest of us. At o'clock we are all in place. At two know we must wait three and one-half hours in the hot sun that traps us in this corner with the walls behind and the shimmering heat waves of the desert before, and cooks and steams us unmercifully. But we do not care—much. A sensation of shiv-ery expectancy makes us rather oblivious to physical discomforts.



Enter the line of Antelope priests — the leader wearing a chaplet of green leaves and anklets of the same — four times to the Snake Rock this procession goes

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Brother Alfred

By P. G. Wodehouse

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THINK one of the most curious stunts I was ever mixed up with in the course of a lifetime devoted to butting into other people's business was that affair of George Lattaker at Monte Carlo. I wouldn't bore you, don't you know, for the world, but I think you ought to hear about it.

We had come to Monte Carlo on the yacht Circe, belonging to an old sport of the name of Marshall.

belonging to an old sport of the name of Marshall. Among those present were myself: my man Voules, an Englishman who had spent most of his time valeting earls, and looked it: Mrs. Vanderley of Washington Square North: her daughter Stella: Mrs. Vanderley's maid, Pilbeam, and George. My name is Pepper's Safety Razor. He left me a sizable wad.

George was a dear old pal of mine. In fact, it was I who had worked him into the party. You see, George was due in Europe on business, having to meet his uncle Augustus, who was scheduled—George having just reached his twenty-fifth birthday—to hand over to him a legacy left by one of George's aunts, for which he had been trustee. The aunt had died when George was quite a kid. It was a date that George had been looking forward to, for, though he for which he had been trustee. The aunt had died when George was quite a kid. It was a date that George had been looking forward to, for, though he had a pretty fair income, an income, after all, is only an income, whereas a chunk of dough is a pile. So, directly the great date began to loom ahead, he started in to work the cables and fix up sailing date Then it struck me that his quickest way was to sa was to sail with us and have his uncle meet him at Monte Carlo. Kill two birds with one stone, don't you know. Fix up his affairs and have a pleasant vacation simul-

So George had tagged along, and at the time when the trouble started we were anchored in M Harbor, and Uncle Augustus was due next day.

LOOKING back, I may say that, as far as I was mixed up in it, the thing began at seven o'clock in the morning, when I was aroused from a dreamless sleep by the dickens of a spat in progress outside my stateroom door. The chief ingredients were a female voice that sobbed and said, "Oh, Harold!" and a male voice "raised in anger," as they say, which, after considerable difficulty, I identified as Voules's! If it hadn't been for the aitches dropping in a heavy shower on the corridor carpet, I shouldn't have recognized it. In his official capacity, Voules talks exactly as you'd expect a statue to talk, if it could. In private, however, he evidently relaxed to some extent, and to have that sort of thing going on in my midst at that hour was too much for me.

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"Youles!" I yelled.
Gettysburg ceased with a jerk. There was silence, . Sept. 27

then sobs diminishing in the distance, and finally a tap at the door. Voules entered with that impassive, my-lord-the-carriage-waits look, which is what I pay him for. You wouldn't have believed he had a drop of any sort of emotion in him.

"Voules," I said, "are you under the delusion that I'm going to be Queen of the May?"

"I become your paydon size."

'I beg your pardon, sir?'

"Well, you've called me early, all right. It's only st seven."

"I bunderstood you to summon me, sir."

summoned you to find out why you were making infernal noise outside."

"I howe you an apology, sir. I am afraid that in the it of the moment I raised my voice."

It's a wonder you didn't raise the roof. Who was that with you?"

Miss Pilbeam, sir. Mrs. Vanderley's maid."

What was all the trouble about?" I was breaking our hengagement, sir?"

COULDN'T help gaping. Somehow one didn't asso-ciate Voules with engagements. Then it struck me that I'd no right to butt in on his secret sor-rows, so I switched the conversation. "I think I'll get up," I said.

"I can't wait to breakfast with the rest. Can you me some right away? Yes, sir,"

So I had a solitary breakfast, and went up on deck to smoke. It was a lovely morning. Blue sea, gleam-ing Casino, cloudless sky, and all the rest of the hippo-

Presently the others began to trickle up. Stella Vanderley was one of the first. I thought she looked a bit pale and tired. She said she hadn't slept well. That accounted for it. Unless you get your eight

hours, where are you?"
"Seen George?" I asked.
I couldn't help thinking the name seemed to freeze her a bit. Which was queer, because all the voyage she and George had been particularly close pals. In fact, at any moment I expected George to come to me

and slip his little hand in mine and whisper: "I've done it, old scout. She loves muh!"

"I have not seen Mr. Lattaker," she said.

I didn't pursue the subject. George's stock was apparently low that a. m. I wondered what had been

happening.

The next item in the day's program occurred a few minutes later when the morning papers arrived.

Mrs. Vanderley opened hers and gave a scream.

"The poor dear prince!" she said.

'What a shocking thing!" said old Marshall.

"I knew him at Washington," said Mrs. Vanderley,
"He waltzed divinely."

Then I got at mine, and saw what they were talking about. The paper was full of it. It seemed that late the night before his Serene Highness, the Prince of Saxburg-Liegnitz—I always wonder why they call these guys serene—had been murderously assaulted in a dark street on his way back from the Casino to his yacht. Apparently he had developed the habit of going about without an escort, which, I gather, princes don't often do, and some rough neck, taking advantage don't often do, and some rough neck, taking advantage of this, had lain for him and soaked it to him with considerable vim. The Prince had been found, by a passing pedestrian, lying pretty well beaten up and insensible in the street, and had been taken back to his yacht, where he still lay unconscious.

"This is going to do somebody no good," I said. "What do you get for slugging a serene highness? I wonder if they'll catch the fellow."

"Later," read old Marshall. "The pedestrian who discovered his Serene Highness proves to have

who discovered his Screne Highness proves to have been Mr. Denman Sturgis, the eminent private inves-tigator. Mr. Sturgis has offered his services to the figator. Mr. Sturgis has offered his services to the police, and is understood to be in possession of a most important clue." That's the fellow who had charge of that kidnaping case in Chicago. If anyone can catch the man, he can."

About five minutes later, just as the rest of them were going to move off to breakfast, a boat hailed as any corresponding to the control of the con

A tall, thin man came up the gangway. He looked A tall, thin man came up the gangway. He looked round the group and fixed on old Marshall as the probable owner of the yacht.

"Good morning," he said. "I believe you have a Mr. Lattaker on board. Mr. George Lattaker."

"Sure," said Marshall. "He's down below. Want to see him? Who shall I say?"

"He would not know my name. I should like to see him for a moment on somewhat urgent business."

"Take a seat. He'll be up in a moment. Reggie, y boy, go and speed him up." I went down to George's stateroom.

"George, old top!" I shouted

NO ANSWER. I opened the door and went in.
The room was empty. Where-The room was empty. What's more, the bunk hadn't been slept in. I don't know when I've been more surprised. It beat me.

I went on deck.

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"He isn't there," I said.
"Not there!" said old Marshall. "Where is he
then? Maybe he's gone for a stroll ashore. But he'll
be back soon for breakfast. I guess you'd better wait

for him. Have you breakfasted? No? Then will you

The man said he would, and just then the gong went,

and they trooped down, leaving me alone on deck.

I sat smoking and thinking, and then smoking some more, when I thought I heard somebody call my name in a sort of hoarse whisper. I looked over my shoulder, and, by Gad, there at the top of the gangway, in evening dress, dusty to the eyebrows, without a hat, and looking generally as if he had been caught in the machinery, was dear old George. "Great Scott!" I cried.
"Great Scott!" I cried.
"Anyone about?"

They're all down at breakfast.'

He gave a sigh of relief, sank into my chair, and closed his eyes. I regarded him with pity. The poor old boy looked all in.

"Say!" I said, touching him on the shoulder.

E LEAPED out of the chair with a smothered

"Did you do that? What did you do it for? What's the sense of it? How do you suppose you can ever make yourself popular if you go about touching people on the shoulder? My nerves are sticking a yard out of my body this morning. Reggie."

"Yes, old top?"
"I did a murder last night."

What!

"It's the sort of thing that might happen to any-dy. Directly Stella Vanderley broke off our engagement I-

Broke off your engagement? How long were you engaged?

About two minutes. It may have been less. hadn't a stop watch. I proposed to her at ten last night in the saloon. She accepted me. I was just going to kiss her when we heard some one coming.

I went out. Coming along the corridor was that infernal - what's her name

Mrs. Vanderley's maid — Pil-beam. Have you ever been accepted by the girl you love,

I've been turned Never.

"Then you won't understand how I felt. I was off me had t. I was off my head I hardly knew what with joy. I hardly knew with joy. I hardly knew with James doing, I just felt I had thing handy. I couldn't wait. It might have been the ship's cat. It wasn't. It was Pilbeam."

You kissed her?"

"I kissed her. And just at that moment the door of the saloon opened, and out came

"Hell!"

Exactly what I said. flashed across me that to Stella, dear girl, not knowing the cir-

cumstances, the thing might seem a little odd. It did. She broke off the engagement, and I got out the catboat and rowed off. I was mad. I didn't care what became of me. I simply wanted to forget. I went ashore. I fancy I drank nearly everything there was in the town And then I don't remember a thing, except that I can recollect having the deuce of a scrap with somebody in a dark street, and somebody falling and myself beating it for all I was worth. I woke up this morn-ing in the Casino Gardens. I've lost my hat."

DIVED for the paper. This was absolutely frightful, don't you know. There couldn't be a doubt who the gazook was that poor old George had en swatting the cover off.
'Read," I said. "It's all there."

He read.

Great Scott!" he said.

"You didn't do a thing to his serene nibs, did you?"
"Reggie, this is awful."
"Cheer up. They say he'll recover."
"That doesn't matter."

"It does to him.".
He read the paper again.

"It says they've a clue."
"They always say that."

But- Great Scott, my hat!"

My hat. I must have dropped it during the scrap. This guy Denman Sturgis must have found it. It had my name in it!"
"Say," I said, "you mustn't waste time. Great Scott!"

He jumped a foot in the air.
"Don't do it!" he said irritably. "For Heaven's sake,
don't bark like that. What's the matter?"

'The man.'

"What man?"

'A tall, thin man with an eye like a gimlet. arrived just before you did. He's down in the saloon now, having breakfast. He said he wanted to see you on business, and wouldn't give his name. I didn't like the look of him from the first. It's this fellow Sturgis! It must be

"I feel it. I'm sure of it."

Had he a hat?

'Of course he had a hat." Was he carrying a hat?"

Fool! I mean mine. Was he carrying By Jove, he was carrying a parcel. George, old You must light out cout, you must get a move on. You must light out you want to spend the rest of your life outside he penitentiary. Slugging a serene highness is *lèse* the penitentiary. majesté. It's worse than hitting a cop. got a moment to waste." You haven't

But I haven't any money. Reggie, old top, slip me a hundred bucks. I must get over the frontier into Italy at once. I'll wire my uncle to meet me in—"
"Duck," I cried. "There's some one coming."

He dived out of sight just as Voules came up the companionway, carrying a letter on a tray.
"What's the matter?" I said. "What do you want?"

"I beg your pardon, sir. I thought I 'ear Lattaker's voice. A letter 'as arrived for 'im." "He isn't here."

"No, sir. Shall I remove the letter?"
"No, give it to me. I'll give it to him when he comes."
"Very good, sir."

"Oh, Voules. Are they all still at breakfast? The



Voules is all right," I said. "Decent Voules! Voules wouldn't give us away, would you, Voules?
"Yes, sir." "You would?" Yes, sir"

gentleman who came to see Mr. Lattaker? Still hard

He is at present occupied with some broiled weakfish, sir.

"Ah. That's all, Voules."

Thank you, sir.

He retired. I called to George, and he came out. Who was it?

"Who was it?"
"Only Voules. He brought a letter for you. They're all at breakfast still. The sleuth's eating weakfish."
"That'll hold him for a while. Full of bones."
He began to read his letter. He gave a grunt of

surprise at the first paragraph.
"Well, what do you know about that!" he said as he finished. "Reggie, this is a queer thing."

What's that?"

He handed me the letter, and directly I started in on it I saw why he had grunted. This is how it ran

My dear George: I shall be seeing you to-morrow. My dear George: I shall be seeing you to-morrow, I hope, but I think it is better, before we meet, to prepare you for a curious situation that has arisen in connection with the legacy which your father inherited from your Aunt Emity, and which you are expecting me, as trustee, to hand over to you now that you have reached your twenty-fifth birthday. You have doubtless heard your father speak of your twin brother, Alfred, who was lost or kidnaped—which was never acceptained—when you were both habies. When you Attrea, who was tost or kanapea—when was never ascertained—when you were both babies. When no news was received of him for so many years, it was supposed that he was dead. Yesterday, however, I received a letter purporting to come from him, in which it was stated that he had been living all this time in Buenos Aires as the adopted son of a wealthy South American, and has only recently discovered his

identity. He states that he is on his way to meet s identity. He states that he is on his way to meet me, and will arrive any day now. Of course, like other claimants, he may prove to be an impostor, but meanwhile his intervention will, I fear, cause a certain delay before I can hand over your money to you. It will be necessary to go into a thorough examination of credentials, etc., and this will take some time. But will go fully into the matter with you when we neet. Your affectionate uncle,

READ it through twice. And the second time I had one of those ideas I do separtire. one of those ideas I do sometimes get, though admittedly a chump of the premier class. I have seldom had such a thoroughly corking brain wave. "Why, old top," I said, "this let's you out."
"Let's me out of half the darned money, if that's

what you mean. If this chap's not an impostor—and there's no earthly reason to suppose he is, though I've never heard my father say a word about him-it will be a case of fifty-fifty. Aunt Emily's will left the money to my father, or, failing him, his 'offspring.' I thought that meant me, but apparently there are a crowd of us. I call it coarse work ringing in unexpected offspring on a fellow at the eleventh hour like this."

"Why, you chump," I said, "it's going to save you. "Why, you chump," I said, "it's going to save you. This lets you out of your spectacular dash across the frontier. All you've got to do is to stay here and be your brother Alfred. It came to me in a flash."

He looked at me in a kind of dazed way.

"You ought to be in some sort of a home, Reggie."
'Ass!" I cried. "Don't you understand? Have you ver heard of twin brothers who weren't exactly alike? Who's to say you aren't Alfred if you swear you are? Your uncle will be there to back you up that you have a brother Alfred. It's pie."

"And Alfred will be there to call me a liar."

"He won't. It's not as if you had to keep it up for the rest of your life. It's only for an hour or two,

ve can get this detective guy off the yacht. sail for England to-morrow morning

At last the thing seemed to sink into him. His face brightened.

Why, I really do believe it would work,"

he said. "Of course it would work. If they want

proof, show them your mole. I'll swear George hadn't one!"

"And as Alfred I should get a chance of talking to Stella and fixing things right for George. Reggie, old

top, you're a genius.'
"No, no." "You are."

"Well, it's only sometimes. I can't keep it up."

And just then there was a gentle cough behind us. We spun round.

What the devil are you doing here, Voules?" I said.

I beg pardon, sir. I've 'eard all.'

I looked at George. George. "Voules is all right," I George looked at me. said. "Decent Voules! Voules wouldn't give us away, would you, Voules?

Yes, sir."
You would?"

"Yes, sir."
"But Voules, old man," I said, "be sensible. What would you gain by it?"

would you gain by it?"

"Financially, sir, nothing."

"Whereas, by keeping quiet"—I tapped him on the chest—"by holding your tongue, Voules; by saying nothing about it to anybody, Voules, old fellow, you might gain a considerable wad."

"Am I to understand, sir, that, because you are

"Am I to understand, sir, that, because you are rich and I am poor, you think that you can buy my self-respect?"

"Oh, come," I said.

"'Ow much?" said Voules.

So WE switched to terms. You wouldn't believe the way the man haggled. You'd have thought a decent, faithful servant would have delighted to oblige one in a little matter like that for a ten spot. But not Voules. By no means. It was five hundred down and the promise of another five hundred when we had got safely away before he was satisfied. But we fixed it up at last, and poor old George got down to his stateroom and changed his

He'd hardly gone when the breakfast party came

on deck,
"Did you meet him?" I asked.
"Meet whom?" said old Marshall.
"George's twin brother, Alfred."
"I didn't know George had a brother."
"Nor did he till yesterday. It's a long story. He was kidnaped in infancy, and everyone thought he was dead. George had a letter from his uncle about him yesterday. I shouldn't wonder if that's where George has gone, to see his uncle and find out about it. In the meantime Alfred has arrived. He's in George's stateroom now having a brush up. amaze you, the likeness between them. You'll think it is George at first. Look! Here he comes." And up came George, brushed and clean, in an

ordinary yachting suit. (Continued on page 32) 11.5

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COMMENT ON CONGRESS

MINUTE search of the history of Congress would probably show that no single session has ever so much important work as the present one will have accomplished if it finally passes, as it probably will, the currency measure. This is a record for the Democratic party to be proud of. However, the most casual observer in Washington knows that the present session would not have taken up both of these important questions but for the steady insistence of President Wilson. Again and again more than a majority of both the House and the Senate have showed a rebellious disposition to feel that a tariff bill is a good session's work, and to go home at the end of it. President Wilson. however, as early as the first of May. determined that Congress should pass not only a tariff bill but a currency measure as well, and he has never yielded in that determination.

Next December

THE work done by the present ses-THE work done by the partial sion, striking as it is, is of minor what will be importance compared to what will be taken up by the coming regular session. The session, which begins the first Monday in December, will take up a question which in its effects concerns the funda-It will mental organization of society. settle-permanently if the settlement is right—the question whether this nation is to permit large units of industry and regulate them, or insist on disintegration into small units. (Bound up with the settlement of this question is the historic issue of State rights against Federal rights.) The coming regular session may mark the end of one economic era and the beginning of another. It may settle the social trend of a hundred million people. The Napoleonic wars and some of the incidents described in Gibbon's "Rome" were more dramatic than this, but not more fundamental.

The Break-up of Panties

THE solidarity of the Democratic caucus may last through the discussion of the currency bill. If it does, that will be the end of it. The disposition of some Democrats to rebel against it, and of independent minds generally to condemn it, has grown strongly. Throughout the discussion of the tariff bill the cancus was condoned quite generally because the Democratic party in its platform was so definitely committed to tariff revision that it seemed fair to regard as a traitor any Democrat who was willing to retard this tariff revision by refusing to commit himself to the judgment of the majority of the party. This feeling gave to the caucus a power of cohesion which ended with the final disposition of the tariff bill. Caucuses fall too readily into the ways of tyranny. Even at their best they tend to develop an arrogant bossism in some men and an equally un-They are wholesome servility in others. inconsistent with the spirit that is dominant in American politics at the presBy MARK SULLIVAN

ent time. With the beginning of the coming regular session the power of the caucus will be a thing of the past. As soon as this happens there may very well come that break-up of parties which is the necessary preliminary to a new line-up in the United States, a normal division between men whose minds and interests are conservative and those whose minds and interests are liberal.

Cumbersome

THE Democratic party is on record as opposed to a tariff commission. And yet well-informed persons know that the new tariff will not be in force a month before a number of minor adjustments will be revealed as desirable. The Democratic policy would deal with these minor changes through one body of 435 men and another of 96 men—no five of whom will pretend to be well informed on the point at issue. In this matter the Democrats have set their faces against progress.

Menacing

ONE of the unpleasant aspects of the Democratic régime which crops up occasionally is opposition to that system of civil service which has been an accepted thing in National Government for nearly a generation. One example was the attempt of the Senate to have the collectors of the income tax turned over as spoils to the politicians. At another time Congressman Thomas, a Kentucky Democrat. characterized the civil service as "the swindle service," and said it "was a scheme contracted between Theodore Roosevelt and the devil to keep Republicans in office." Everybody believes that President Wilson himself is in thorough sympathy with civil service, and that efforts to break it down will usually be frowned upon by his leadership.

The Future of the Progressives

A GOOD guess at future American politics is contained in these sentences from a speech delivered in the House by one of the Republican leaders:

Suppose that the Democrats failed to carry out their radical program. Will the country return at once to our party? I doubt it. The people wish to try some of these new ideas and are willing to risk the consequences of their proving disastrous. The Republicans have not given them the legislation which wisely or foolishly they wish. If the Democrats follow our [Republican] example it need surprise no one should the people turn to the Progressive party. In fact, this is the only direction in which I can foresee a future for that party. If the Democrats prove radical, intelligent radicals will not vote to turn them out of power.

The Democrats have not yet had a chance to show their trend. They have been neither radical nor the contrary. The necessity of the two measures they have taken up so far, the tariff and the currency, has been admitted by persons of every shade of political belief. The persons who believe the Payne-Aldrich

Bill ought not to be changed are so few as to be negligible. Those who are satisfied with our present banking and currency situation are practically nil. The one thing done by the Democrats that may fairly be called radical is the passage of the income-tax section of the tariff bill. The income tax itself is not radical. Senator Root said on the floor of the Senate that he has long favored it and worked for it. But the particular kind of income tax that the Democrats passed may fairly be called radical, and not very intelligently radical. The placing of the exemption so high (the House made it \$4,000 and the Senate \$3,000) may turn out in the light of history to be very unfortunate. Wisconsin is an intelligently radical State; when it adopted an income tax it made every man pay whose income is above \$1,000. Exempting persons with incomes of \$3,000 or \$4,000 is class legislation in favor of a very able-bodied class.

Two Senators

SENATOR WILLIAM S. KENYON of Iowa would not vote on the tariff on gypsum because one of his relatives is engaged in the manufacture of it. But Senator Albert B. Fall of New Mexico does not find his ownership of mines in Mexico a bar to his urging the United States into some sort of intervention in that country.

Not at His Best

SENATOR JAMES H. REED of Missouri is an able and forceful debater, as these words will show; but he was not at his best when he uttered them:

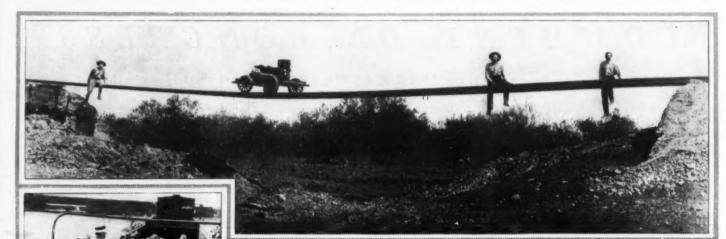
If you have a bird that is not of any use except for its feathers, and has no occupation but eating fish which furnish food, just of what value is that bird except for its feathers? What does the Senator think God Almighty made it for, anyway? Certainly a heron is not an orna-

I really honestly want to know why there should be any sympathy or sentiment about a long-legged, long-beaked, long-necked bird that lives in swamps and eats tadpoles and fish and crawfish and things of that kind; why we should worry ourselves into a frenzy because some lady adorns her hat with one of its feathers, which appears to be the only use it has. . . .

The House had put in the tariff bill a tariff provision intended to make it easier to protect wild birds from extermination. The Senate committee, at the request of feather dealers, rejected the provision. The fight in behalf of the birds was led very ably by Senator McLean of Connecticut. Senator Reed's contributions to the debate would indicate lack of sympathy-indeed, lack of familiarity with what is probably the dominant economic principle of the present day in America. Conservation is the theory that none of the resources of the world shall be used up in the present generation, nor be wasted, but shall be so used as to conserve the supply for the future. It is a safe guess that no statesman who in the present day opposes conservation will get very far or last very long.

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The burning of a wooden railway bridge left a section of track hanging high. A homeward-bound New York business man and his wife crossed in a motor car installed upon the suspended rails

Huerta's "Pacified" Mexico

HE pictures on this page were taken in the northern part of Mexico. But other sections, too, are still suffering from the conditions of warfare. Fighting still continues not only in the northern States but also in many places south of the Federal district, as well as along the west coast. Most living commodities throughout Mexico have gone up as high as 50 per cent, while the value of the Mexican dollar has shrunk to about 38 cents.

Guaymas, in the State of Sonora, the chief seaport of the west coast of Mexico, has been in a state of siege from the day Huerta assumed charge of affairs. From Nogales on the north to Ortiz on the south, the Southern Pacific Railway is held by the rebel forces; at many points the road is virtually destroyed. From Ortiz to Guaymas it is held and used by the Federals. It is estimated that it would take \$75,000,000 to repair the damage to railways alone.

The pictures above and below give but a faint no-tion of what has been happening to the roads, which have been at the mercy of the revolutionists since the original Madero uprising against Diaz. For hun-dreds of miles at a stretch all water tanks have been destroyed. Ties have been burned and the rails buried along the right of way. The bonds of roads are

held largely in the United States and Canada. During the continuance of the attitude of neutrality announced by President Wilson, J. P. Morgan, speaking for his firm, has declared against lending any more money to Mexico. Before the announcement of the Administration's policy. however, a loan was negotiated in Paris in which some American bankers participated.

U. S. Battleship as Post Office

There is practically no shipping. The local steamship company, which owns a fleet of large steamers, has withdrawn them all with the ex-ception of two or three small craft. American and other nations have lost many millions through this cessation of traffic. Some have lost their entire fortunes. The Banco de Sonora, the State bank, with headquarters at Hermosillo and half a dozen branches in the State, has closed its doors in Mexico and established an office in Los Angeles. The people at Guaymas and So-nora have been compelled to pay enormous prices for food, and in many cases have actu-ally suffered from lack of it. The commander of the United States battleship Louisiana at of the United States battleship Lonisiana at Guaymas has done much to help the residents of that section. Recently, for instance, the rebels cut off the water supply of Guaymas for two weeks. The commander of the Louisiana succeeded in establishing a truce, and the supply was restored. Also, he contrives to keep up a mail service between that port and the United States. All mail leaving from that region must have a robal a Evderal and a United States. States. All mail leaving from that region must have a rebel, a Federal, and a United States stamp. It is taken by the battleship and sent to Salina Cruz and thence north, requiring a month's time to reach New York.

The photographs were all taken within the past few weeks, and some of them came by way of the battleship Louisiana.

ROBY DANENBAUM.



In the battle of Santa Rosa, last month, some of

Federal troops in a train made up of cattle cars on their way to engage rebels



Taken after an engagement between Federals and rebels at Nogales, Sonora, which adjoins Nogales, Ariz.



The train was held up in Sonora by rebels. A New York man aboard happened to know the leader of the band and secured safe conduct for the passengers. The cars, however, were derailed and wrecked



THE various Leagues of Life are well stocked with .250 hitters and a fair scattering of those who hit .300. But in each League of Existence, whether the Game be medicine, law, statesmanship, or baseball, those who range up around the .400 mark are as far apart as the outposts of a Siberian frontier. And, therefore, being so few, their value to the game and their recompense are all the greater. Ty Cobb is one of these very, very few in baseball. Therefore Mr. Cobb rides in automobiles, is the guest of Senators and Congressmen in Washington, and is warmly welcomed when he calls on Presiand is warmly welcomed when he calls on President Wilson. Cobb's value to the Detroit Clubor to any club—is not to be estimated. As

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a piece of baseball flesh he is priceless, Hedraws a salary of \$12,500 annually, and probably draws in twice that much at the gate. He has led his league five or six years at but and has led at one time or another in all other departments appertaining to his work. Manager Clarke Griffith of Washington recently offered \$100,000 for Cobb, according to report. The offer was treated as a rare jest at the time, but if Mr. Navin had sold his star for even \$100,000, he might as well have set fire to his \$500,000 grand stand on the same day, involving thereby a net loss of only \$400,000 on the deal. Needless to say Cobb is still with Detroit and Mr. Griffith still has his \$100,000.

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Ragtime Reaches the Stars

A "RAGTIME" birthday party was given at Celigny, near Lausanne, Switzerland, by Ernest Schelling for his friend, Ignace Paderewski. "Ragtime" and "cubist" music was the feature. In the picture, from left to right, are Paderewski, Leopold Stokowski, the Portuguese Minister at Berne, Mme. Schelling, Rudolf Ganz, Mme. Paderewski, the French Ambassador, M. Roussey of Lausanne, Schelling, and Saint-Saëns.



Side Partner and Law Partner

MRS. BIRD 8. McGUIRE, wife of the Congressman from the First Oklahoma District, is utilizing her Washington sojourn as an opportunity for the study of law. This autumn she will enrolf in a regular law school, and rumor says she will form a law partnership with her hustages the control of the first form a law partnership with her hustages. band under the firm name of McGuire & McGuire.



Editorial Comment

Congress at School

HE HEARINGS AT WASHINGTON on the currency bill have been an undivided gain; it is already evident that the rather harsh and, we believe, quite unworkable measure originally proposed will undergo much modification before it is finally voted on for passage. Congress is learning that a system which has taken a half century to develop is not to be remade in a We believe a doubt is growing if it be safe or feasible to intrust to the more or less abitrary control of a board of seven men the two billions of capital and eleven billions of resources of our national banks. The fundamental object is to promote a greater fluidity of banking capital and loanable money in our banks. Unquestionably this could best be achieved through the same methods which have proved so efficient in other commercial nations, namely, systems of branch banks. But if this is not at present feasible, there are, we believe, three provisions that might be incorporated which would go far toward the same end. The first of these would permit the acceptance of commercial bills by the national banks. Such acceptances are in general use in all countries, and mean in effect that the smallest cotton planter in Mississippi or orchard rancher in Idaho could, if his credit is good at his local bank, borrow from New York or London. Second, to permit the new regional banks to establish as many branches as they like, not only in the city where they are located as now provided for, but throughout the whole district; and then accord the same privilege to all national banks. Third, to invite subscriptions from the public to the capital stock of the new regional banks, instead of assessing the national banks 10 per cent on their capital as now proposed. These central banks would thus eventually become huge reservoirs of very liquid funds. There is no investment of greater solidity and fair average return (about 5 per cent) than stock in national banks, and the new regional banks ought to attract large subscriptions. By this means the foundation would be laid for a strong central banking system, under governmental control.

Signs of Sanity

BUT THERE IS ONE "currency problem" which seems still a pons asinorum to Congressional (and many editorial) minds. Deep are the roots of prejudice. An amendment to the new currency bill, looking toward the guarantee of bank deposits, is voted down sharply; and this is widely hailed as a "sign of returning sanity." It seems incredible that a measure which would do more than any other to forefend banking panics, and work incalculable good, should meet with such opposition. What is the chief cause of a "panic"? Lack of confidence. Every crisis is preceded, and usually precipitated, by heavy withdrawals of funds from the banks. But with deposits guaranteed there would be no such withdrawals. No one could doubt now the stability of our whole banking system with twenty billions of resources. There would be no premium on recklessness or dishonesty. A bank must have capital, and shareholders have an additional lia-Will the shareholders permit the looting of their banks any faster because the depositor is guaranteed? The guarantee fund is merely an emergency fund. The Government would simply stand ready to pay any needy depositor, and it would take possession of all assets. The average loss would be less than a tenth of 1 per cent of all deposits per annum. That to the average bank would be less than the lowest salary of any clerk. The direct gain to the banks' earnings would pay this a dozen times over. The gain to the public and to the stability of trade would be immense. Twenty years from now men will marvel that it was not done long ago. The only serious hindrance is the rooted prejudices of 25,000 excellent men who have not yet learned the age-old principle that in union there is strength.

The New Haven Scandal

LAST WINTER COLLIER'S published two lengthy articles showing in detail that under the Mellen administration from fifty to one hundred millions had been taken from the New Haven Railroad treasury through the reckless purchase of competing lines, trolley lines, steamboat lines, wharves, terminals, and everything that could promote a monopoly of transportation in New England. At the time it was given out that these "scandalous misrepresentations" would be answered in the court. They were not. The real answer was, first,

the organization of a stockholders' committee, then the resignation of Mr. Mellen, the reduction of the dividend, and lately the suggestion that it will be taken off altogether, and finally the retirement of J. P. Morgan & Co. as fiscal agents of the road. A new president of engaging personality is employed and vital reforms are promised. But while Mr. Mellen is allowed to go, under fire, the Board of Directors, which stood behind Mr. Mellen and which voted and approved the purchase of railways, trolleys, and the like at fantastic prices, remains. There is no proposal to call Mr. Mellen to an accounting-indeed that would probably do' little good. not believe that Mr. Mellen came in for any considerable share of the profits of manipulation. It is fairly clear that he was mostly a cat's-paw; and now he is voted \$30,000 a year for five years, to do nothing, and \$70,000 for his services in reducing the Boston & Maine to a state of near-bankruptcy. This largess presumably will over-come any tendency on his part to talk too freely. But how can President Elliott or the New Haven shareholders hope to rehabilitate the New Haven when it is saddled with huge properties which cannot be made to pay, and is under the requirement of paying interest on around a hundred millions of capital for which the New Haven never received and has not now any equivalent whatever? The scandal of the New Haven will be cleared when all the present members of the Mellen Board of Directors are retired and when suits are instituted on behalf of the shareholders for the reckless and unscrupulous use of the New Haven's funds.

Gaynor

HE MAYOR OF NEW YORK was a country boy who never became a rubber stamp. He was a rare American, for he contributed a personality to politics. We like the photographs that show him exercising his Airedale terriers at his St. James home, or scratching the back of a blooded sow with a long stick. The Mayor, who died suddenly on shipboard, was a stoic philosopher of the ambulatory school. He had stood face to face with death without flinching; he was a loval friend and an unremitting enemy; was equally shrewd and testy; was able as lawyer, judge, and chief executive; was overpraised by admirers and harshly treated by opponents. His most important public services were rendered before his election as Mayor of our greatest city, in 1909; he was never truly himself after the attempt at assassination, which left a bullet in his throat. headed in his attitude toward police scandals and District Attorney Whitman, who probed them, he remained capable of great independence. Tammany refused to renominate him as Mayor-in itself a certificate of character. Then came his independent candidacy, and his denunciation of Murphy and his pals as "a little coterie of men who follow politics as a dishonest trade." Pungent of speech, Gaynor was a master of letter writing. He ran to short sentences, and preferred the shorter of two words whenever it said as much as the longer one. His simplicity and directness smacked of his favorite books-Marcus Aurelius, Epictetus, the "Autobiographies" of Cellini and Franklin. the Bible. It was not so much that Gaynor had read many books as that he had read and reread thoughtfully. He regarded newspaper criticism of himself as unjustified, talking in public of our "rag-bag 2 and welcoming a correspondent's comparison of his fortunes and Lincoln's, even while confessing that he did not deserve it. "I have had a pretty tough time of it, but I have borne it the best I can," he wrote to a sympathizer. "You ask me to give an interview saying 'What I would say to the readers of 3,000 newspapers,' " he replied to a request of the National Publicity Bureau. "I would say to them to be very careful about believing all they see in the newspaper." When all is said, one admires Gaynor for a "rattling, battling old boy" (W. M. Reedy's phrase). His death leaves the contest for Mayor of New York open to Judge McCall of Tammany and to young John PURROY MITCHEL, Fusionist. McCall has all the king's horses and all the king's men, but MITCHEL is the man to succeed GAYNOR.

Wanted: A Genius!

STILL YOUR ARGUMENTS about the tariff; forget for a moment all your private business. A great undertaking that defied the resources of the Suez Canal maker and the Old World's greatest republic is brought to triumphant conclusion by your Federal Government. Without whisper of slander or hint of graft, your engineers

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have conquered a deadly climate, brought sufficient labor into the jungle, drained and leveled and erected, until the Panama Canal is The dry excavation was finished ten days ahead of become a fact. schedule; dredging remains, but with the waters of the two oceans flowing into the great locks the end is within grasp. The Panama Canal is one of the world's nine wonders; to gaze upon it is to feel like the "watcher of the skies"

When a new planet swims into his ken;
Or like stout Cortez, when with eagle eyes
He stared at the Pacific—and all his men
Look'd at each other with a wild surmise— Silent, upon a peak in Darien.

Have we no poet to chant this achievement of French imagining, American perseverance, and many-nationed muscle? He need not undertake to make official history of his poem; Keats in his sonnet unjustly named Cortez instead of Balboa, but that scarcely affects the grandeur of the poetry. The Panamanian scene is as rich in legend and history as it is in vegetation; buccaneers have anchored in the sleepy old Spanish ports of the Isthmus; Bernhardt acted in a gala performance at the Panama Theatre when poor old De Lessers set to work digging the trenches Goethals was to complete; all the races have met and mingled and diced and prayed and cursed and labored in the city made sanitary by Gorgas and his men. State socialism has had a partial trial in UNCLE SAM's paternal administration of his Canal Zone. The theme is tremendous; your poet would have an epic on his hands unless he chose just one side of it all. Here a few of its minor incidents are noted-nothing of the tremendous battle with Nature, nothing of the meaning of the victory. Who can make a great poem out of this great adventure? Will it be some poet whom we already know and love, or will some youngster burst full fledged into greatness, soaring high upon a large imagination? Some of the greatest poems in the past have been paid for only in posterity's admiration. We hope that the digging of the Panama Canal will evoke a poem as great as any occasional poem in the past—and if it does we shall see to it that its author receives a bigger check for it than Milton did for "Paradise Lost."

Thaw

HIGH ON THE TIGHT ROPE OF THE LAW an insane murderer jiggles grotesquely between two nations, a scandal to Since his crime every trick, legal, ultralegal, and extralegal, has been tried in his behalf until the law itself has become a stench in the nostrils of decent folk. His escape, presumably accomplished through bribery, was different in kind rather than in degree of shamefulness from the former attempts to set him at liberty. That he will be haled back to Matteawan, probably before these words get into print, seems reasonably assured. His reincarceration will check a public peril; it will not absolve a public dishonor. Under the pressure of his millions legal justice is shown to be, not an infallible principle, but a rattled and permeable fabric. If the disgrace, national, even international, in scope, shall result in a reconstruction of our homicide laws, there will have been some small compensation. And, to complete and round out this nauseous foulness, while the spokesman of the family exults in print over the downfall of the law, a New York theatre offers daily Evelyn Nesbit THAW as the final insult.

Judges for Life

AMERICAN LAWYERS who attended the Bar Association meeting at Montreal found themselves in a land where judges are appointed for life and everybody is satisfied. Ex-President Taft spoke for the life-tenure system for the United States. This is TAFT's legitimate attitude; for it is the antipodes to the recall either Yet no well-read lawyer in Canada or of judges or their decisions. from the United States could have been unaware of the fact that makes impossible here the system which works so well in Canada and Great Britain. Their judges have no power over legislation. They do not pass on the constitutionality of laws. They do not, as our judges do, govern their country. British and British-Imperial Parliaments are supreme. They may pass any sort of law they please, and the courts must accept the law as passed. Their courts have no political power. Our courts possess the power of saying the last word in government. Their judges may well be appointed for life; and if ours were merely abiters of controversies between individuals we might safely follow the same system. But as long as our courts sit above the legislatures and executives elected by the people, to the

extent that they are independent of the popular will, they constitute an irresponsible, even though learned and respectable, oligarchy. ex-President Taft desires the adoption and extension of the excellent British system here, let him advocate it as a whole.

What Brand?

O^N THE EVENING of August 29 William J. Fisher, a clerk of the Isthmian Canal Commission, returned to his lodgings at Chevy Chase, near Washington. FISHER boarded with a Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Altdorfer—the former a contributor to newspapers and magazines. He found Altdorfer, crazed with drink, had driven his wife from home and was assaulting his orphan ward, Miss Lillian Reese. Fisher interfered, and in the struggle which followed killed ALTDORFER with a pair of scissors. The dead man "had been drinking freely for some days," adds the Washington "Times." That is enough to explain how a man was changed into a brute-but who made and who dispensed poor Altdorfer's death-dealing whisky? For what brand of poison did he pay the highest price of all—life? With the portraits of Fisher and Altdorfer should have been published in the press the portrait of the man who got the money for this particular homicide.

Is Anything New?

THE OBJECTION not infrequently made to the realistic "intimate" drama, the drama of IBSEN, STRINDBERG, and the younger English playwriters, is excellently expressed-from the objector's point view-in the following quotation:

We have been spoiled with the exclusive and all-devouring drama of every-y life; where, instead of the fictitious, half-believed personages of the stage (the phantoms of old comedy), we recognize ourselves, our brothers, aunts, kinfolk, allies, patrons, enemies—the same as in life—with an interest in what is going on so hearty and substantial that we cannot afford our moral judgment in its deepest and most vital results to compromise or slumber for a moment . . . I confess for myself that (with no great delinquencies to answer for) I am glad for a season to take an airing beyond the diocese of the strict conscience back to my cage and restraint the fresher and more healthy for it.

No, these are not the words of some Broadway critic objecting to the "new" drama. They were written by Charles Lamb nearly a century ago and referred to the artificial comedies of an earlier day whose absence from the English stage is lightly mourned.

A Friendly Tip

WILL THE HUMAN WELFARE COMMITTEE of the Progressive party in Kansas please buttonhole Victor Murdock and lecture him quietly on the management of his newspaper, the Wichita "Eagle"? While the Congressman has been saving the United States at Washington the "Eagle's" advertising manager has been accepting altogether too many preposterous patent-medicine ads. Moreover, too many of these are of a particularly nauseating kind, such as the "Eagle's" younger readers should be spared the sight of. Josephus Daniels's "News and Observer," which Raleigh, N. C., ought to be proud of on most counts, doesn't shut its columns to the quacks, but is infinitely less hospitable than Victor's "Eagle." We suppose Josephus just has to take that medicine dope-the cost of living in Washington is so high for Mr. Bryan's colleagues who don't travel the vaudeville circuit. A considerable number of our Congressmen, Governors, and Cabinet officers nowadays are journalists of one brand or another. For their own good they ought to maintain high standards-both editorially and in the advertising they print.

Youth

IT DOES NOT AVAIL that "the best things have all been said," that truth is more nobly expressed in the Greek drama than in twentieth-century fiction, that woman's unrest and man's weariness were analyzed by philosophers in early days, that human brotherhood was a beautiful dream in the mind of Hebrew prophets; that we are but repeating old experiments. Each new generation, in the person of its living members, which are its youth, will not content itself with the records and manuscripts of past failures and past perfections. It does not care for the past. It desires to hear its own voice, to live its own life. Its future, as it unrolls, may prove to be only the shadow of an ancient glory or the repetition of a great mischance. Its words, its literature, may be but a feeble restatement of the utterance of bards and playwrights who saw all life and wrote of it im-Youth elects to be alive among its fellows, perishably. Never mind. not to tone down among the elders.



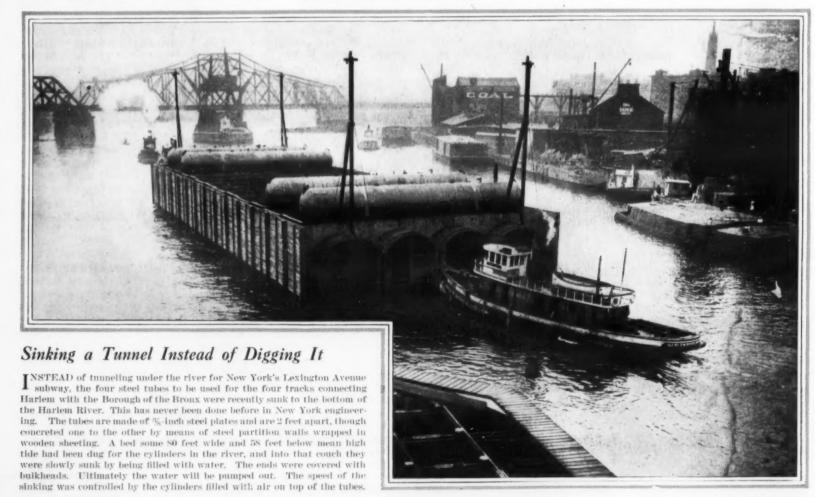
Risks and Wages of a Steeplejack

"OUR wages," says S. E. Killian, a Washington "steeplejack," speaking for his craft, "are \$5 a day up to 400 feet, and 20 cents per foot a day above that level; hence, when a man is working 700 feet in the air, he is generally getting \$65 a day." And the pay may rise upward of \$100 a day. In the construction of the Government wireless towers at Arlington, Va., of which the tallest is 800 feet, Mr. Killian received \$125 for painting the flagpole, which took twenty minutes after he got up. For painting the 600 feet of elevator shaft, with but one landing, and that at the top, he received \$900. In the picture he is sitting on part of the "crow's nest," 600 feet above ground, where the wires are attached. So perilous is this employment that no company will insure a steeplejack, and Lloyds will issue a policy only at 50 per cent—a prohibitive rate. Habit rules in this as in other trades, and "we don't even wear the so-called safety belt they give us," observes Mr. Killian, "and that alone is enough to lose a suit for damages." The safety belt, attaching the man to whatever he is working on, weighs twenty pounds, and is regarded as too heavy for comfort.

"FISHING BY PROXY" might be the title of this picture. This Japanese fisherman employs trained cormorants to catch a species of trout called Ayu. Every bird has a ring round its neck to prevent it from being led into temptation and swallowing its catch. Every bird answers to its name, and when on duty has a string tied to it; the skilled fisherman often controls as many as ten birds by those leashes

Boosting Panama by Electric Traction

THE drowsiness of the sleepy Central American republics described in O. Henry's "Cabbages and Kings" is broken forever. The Republic of Panama has recently been equipped by New York business men with ten miles of electric tramways, operating in both the republic and in the Canal Zone. The businesslike car in the picture starts near the National Palace in the city of Panama and runs to Ancon in the Canal Zone, passing through Balboa, La Boca, and Sabanas. It is an axiom that prosperity follows the tramway, and real estate values in those romantic seats are on the rise, Balboa is the Pacific terminus of the Panama Canal. The Government of the United States is building an extensive harbor there, and barracks will also be built near by. Panama City itself desires to be declared a free port, that is to serve as a loading and unloading station for ships irrespective of customs. Its population is said to have increased by about twelve thousund in two years. It looks as though the electric line would be a profitable venture.









Governor Hays of Arkansas (left) and Mayor Taylor of Little Rock as they appeared on the roads

"Good Roads" Enthusiasm in Arkansas

FOLLOWING the example of Missouri, and in keening with the Pollowing the example of Missouri, and in keeping with the awakened progressive spirit of the State of Arkansas, a small array of men in practically every county in the State responded to the proclamation issued by Governor George W. Hays on August 16, making September 3 and 4 State-wide holidays and calling upon the citizens of the State to come out and put the roads in order. In round figures Governor Hays estimates that 2,000 miles of State highways were worked on those two days by 100,000 men and 15,000 teams and dozens of traction engines and other road-building machinery in the seventy-five counties in the State.

engines and other road-building machinery in the seventy-five counties in the State. City bankers and business men worked side by side with day laborers; mer-chants with their country customers. Sedate county judges threw ceremony to the winds and grasped a pick handle. The good-roads fire which had been slum-bering burst forth spontaneously. Ten thousand Arkansas women fed the

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Ten thousand Arkansas women fed the good knights of the pick and shovel, and the appetizing odor of the peach colbbler and green apple pie floated on the breezes. Governor Hays threw aside all cares of the State, and with Reuben "Good Roads" Dye, Chairman and Chief Executive of the State Highway Commission, Mayor Charles E. Taylor of Little Rock, and other State and county officials, led an army of 1,000 strong to the battle ground on Sweet Home Pike. The regulation uniform was blue overalls, the kind with the bib and deep pockets, widebrimmed old-fashioned hickory hats, and the primitive red bandanna tied in a clout knot about the throat. By taking a pick

and shovel and getting on the real job himself, Governor Hays has broken down class distinction and has put the solid strength of one and one-half million pairs of shoulders solidly behind the movement. With Governor Hays was his friend and neighbor, Elliott W. Major, Governor of Missourl, the guest of the State of Arkansas. Elliott W. Major's face never loses a smile or the suggestion of a smile except when he gets on the goodroads subject. It grows earnest then with enthusiasm, his eyes snap and he smacks his hands together vigorously.

Governor Hays estimates the direct value of the work which was done on September 3 and 4 at \$750,000. That is the least it accomplished. Indirectly it has been worth millions. Already the good-roads spirit created by the occasion has been the direct cause of contracts being let for approximately 200 miles of concrete and macadam road in Lonoke, Pulaski, Woodruff, Jefferson, Phillips, and Pope Counties, and this spirit has penetrated into the most isolated sections of the State. It is so strong that it will bring universal. State sentiment to bear on



The businesslike telephone hanging on a tree was a feature of the Arkansas good-roads work. With such organization patriotism must prosper



In Greene County they allowed a couple of traction engines to do some of the work

The two Gover-nors, Hays and Major, are taking a siesta with Mayor Taylor and his family in the Mayor's car. In a few minutes they resumed the work

"Bucking the Tiger"

By C. Hilton-Turvey

IM MULCARTY stood leaning against the bar. Out of the tail of his eye he discerned a plaid shawl that looked familiar, in close juxtaposition to the swinging door that gave treet. In a moment it disappeared. A plump red face took its place under the door.

Tim set his glass down with a bang, wiped his mouth on the back of his hand, and glared fiercely about, defying anyone to call his attention to the

The man beside him leaned over and plucked him by the sleeve. "Hey, Tim, yer wife wants you." He pointed to the anxious face under the door.

"Let 'er," responded Tim briefly.

A pause ensued, during which another nickel of Mrs. Mulcarty's wash money changed hands, and Tim dipped his red mustache into a fresh glass.
"If yez don't quit drinkin' an' come home,"

the outraged voice at the door, "ye'll git the valerian trimmin's again, just like the doctor said ye would." "G'wan away!"

"Ye'll be seein' sna-akes," she whispered hoarsely.

'An' woild bastes av all colors an' koinds," she went on in a bloodcurdling tone. "Ye know how they scar't ye last time till ye all but shlipped out yer skin.

Mulcarty grinned sheepishly around at the men in

VITH tact worthy of a higher social stratum, they gazed at their boots, seemingly oblivious to the embarrassment of the situation. These domestic annoyances would occur—it might be their own turn to-morrow.

Tim leaned down unsteadily till his eyes were on a level with her face. "They'd niver scare me again," he boasted, "now I know they weren't there at all, at all. Didn't the doctor tell me that same? 'Watch me walk through thim, Tim, man,' sez he. An' with that he up an' marches right through the elephant that had stud on me chest till it had near broke me ribs— Och! sure I'd niver be afraid av thim animiles now if they came in droves!"

He turned suddenly to preserve his balance. His bow caught the edge of his glass. Over it went,

spilling beer in all directions.
"Now see what ye've did!" he boomed, striding belligerently toward the door. "G'wan home where wim-

min belongs—bad cess to thim!"

The worried countenance of Mrs. Mulcarty disappeared, with a final wigwag of the plaid shawl. Up to a certain point Tim was good-natured docility it-

"An' with that he up an marches right through the ele-phant that had stud on me chest'

He came back triumphantly and braced himself against the bar once more, while his companions resumed their interrupted conversation.

At twelve o'clock Mulcarty kicked open the door of the saloon and, bidding the proprietor good night, stepped into the street with his companions. They were all more or less unsteady on their pins, and, according to their several individualities, hilarious, melancholy, or rambunctious. As for Tim, liquor bred in him a truculent contempt for everyone who crossed his path. Therefore Mrs. Mulcarty, who had waited patiently for him in the shadows, kept at a respectful distance behind him without unduly advertising her presence.

At the corner the men separated, going in diverse

directions that imaged the spokes of a wheel.

Tim's street was deserted. The pavement rang under his martial tread. He stepped along with the stiffly exaggerated dignity of one preceded by a brass

Something stole toward him on padded feetthing that looked like a huge gray shadow, slinking in the blacker shadow of the houses. It passed under the glare of a street light.

HAT long, sinuous body, with powerful muscles HAT long, sinuous body, with powerful muscles sliding under the tawny striped hide—the great head lowered sniffing to the pavement savage green eyes looking furtively around as it glided along—

"A tiger!" Tim whispered, his mouth dry as a bone. He stood rooted to the pavement. His red thatch began to rise slowly on his head. He could feel every separate hair bristle.

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Then suddenly his manner changed. He threw back his head and laughed shortly.

The tiger, attracted by the sound, looked up and saw him. It gave vent to a low, rumbling growl. On the heels of the ominous noise

came a woman's shriek. mie! It'll eat ye!"

mie! It'll eat ye!"

Mulcarty's back stiffened as if his
wife had dropped a poker down his
coat. Ha! she would try to frighten
him, would she, with a tiger that
wasn't there—he'd show her!
He swaggered toward the beast with

all the dignity he could command, keep-ing in mind the doctor's astounding trick with the elephant. As he came he snatched out of an ash barrel a protruding broomstick and brandished it truculently.

The tiger was puzzled. It took a onderous pace forward, its eyes gleam-

As she disappeared round the corner, Tim raised the nstick and brought it down smartly on the tiger's

"Be off to the gas works where yez belong, ye shade

of nawthin'!" he bawled contemptuously

The great cat flattened s ears and spat viciously at him, but, awed by his impressive manner, it turned in its own length and slunk along the edge of the houses in the opposite direction.

The belligerent Tim strode after it, comment-ing profanely on the tiger, its ancestors, and everything else in heaven or earth that came to mind bearing even dimly

upon the subject of tigers. From time to time it paused and lowered upon

its pursuer.

"Step along!" Tim
commanded in his deep
Irish voice. "Step along,
or I'll twist the tail off av yez!

At the next corner a group of loafers stood and stared a moment, then scattered to the four winds with yelps of apprehension, falling over each other in an ecstasy of haste.

M ULCARTY guffawed: "I'm not the only wan has me skates on to-night—we do all be seein' things."

A woman shuffled toward them, her head wrapped in a shawl. She bore a medicine bottle and a white paper prescription. At sight of the oncoming tiger she stared, open-mouthed, in utter unbelief. Then yells burst from her, one after another, like balls of colored fire from a Fourth of July rocket. She grov-eled on the ground, and still groveling, rolled with

phenomenal celerity into the gutter.

Tim Mulcarty looked grave. He shook his finger at her as he passed. "'Tis a foine neighborhood," he ob-

ner as he passed. "Its a roine heighborhood," he observed reprovingly, "where the wimmin ta-akes to drink an' laves their babes to starve in the cra-a-dle."

The windows began to go up along the route, a natural result of the woman's screams still pouring from the gutter. But no one could see what Tim Mulcarty drove before him with drunken zeal, for the tiger kept close in to the line of the houses where the shadow was deepest. Some of the more curious came running down into the street, only to retreat in the liveliest confusion, hardly able to command their trembling legs to escape.

A wagon clattered by. The horse shied to the far curb, then bolted.

The tiger paused to look after it, blinking in the

electric light that swung overhead.

Tim lifted the broom in a threatening gesture.

There was an alleyway between two houses, with an

ornamental iron gate that chanced to stand open. He headed the tiger off with a sharp blow on the nose.

"Git on in there, ye bit av striped moonshine!" he bawled, weary of driving wild illusions through agitated multitudes. "Will I have to pull yez along be the whuskers?

The beast hesitated, snarling savagely. But the cries of the crowd, the overwhelming strangeness of the city street with its overpowering odors, the dominance of the human who drove it without a particle of fear, were too much for it. It turned and slunk into the cagelike entrance, its belly to the ground.

Hardly had Tim clanged the gate shut and put the

broom handle through the broken fastening as a bolt, when two men came running in hot haste. One in his shirt sleeves, with top boots and a red vest. carried a whip with a long lash. Four other men fol-lowed in a high state of excitement. A circus wagon swung round the corner, all scarlet and gold in the light from the street lamp.

HE man in the red vest turned to Tim. you seen anything of a tiger?" he asked breath-lessly.

"Have I seen annythin' av a tiger?" he repeated with ponderous contempt. "Ta-a-ke a piece av advice now, if yez can't lave drink alone. When ye see tigers an' such, don't notice thim-walk right through thim."

The other men rushed up.
"Where is he?" they cried excitedly.
Tim leaned against the gate. His truculence was



leaving him. He began to yearn for bed. "Where's

"A Bengal tiger escaped from the circus this even ing. Some one told us it came this way. Everyone's life is in danger till it is caught—"

AIM'S head came forward with a jerk. "A rale loive baste?" he asked.
"Would a dead one walk?" flung out one of

the men impatiently.

"Wid fur on it?" Tim pursued, his brain beginning to clear a path for the idea.

"Hark at him!" broke in another, frantic at the delay. "Whoever seen a bald tiger?"

The man with the red vest strode up angrily. here!" he thundered. "The tiger I'm lookin' for had all its hide on when it left. Perhaps the populace has plucked it for paint brushes—I don't know. This ain't no time for Jokin'—if you've seen the tiger I mean, it has four legs an' a striped hide, an' strong jaws

with teeth, an'—"

For the first time Tim observed the circus wagon with its iron bars at the end, and the white, anxious

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face of the driver looking out as they parleyed.

He waited to hear no more. With a yell that drew from the tiger an answering bellow, he took to his heels, shying at everything in his path as he went, and

wirra, if I'd a knowd it was a rale wan!" was the burden of his anguished meditations.

When he reached the tumble-down shanty he called home, he waited a moment to compose himself, his hand on the latch, his head over both shoulders at once. He was cold sober by this time—the chills chasing each other up his back, the drops of water chasing each other down his face. "Sure," he muttered fearfully to himself, "I've been in games av chanst manny's the toime—the shell game, an' polly-see, an' who's got the button, an' all av thim—but I niver 'bucked the tiger' wid such odds agin me, plyer'." ger' wid such odds agin me, niver!" He turned the knob and walked in.

Mrs. Mulcarty was nowhere to be seen. He began to be hervous. Had the tiger got away while he was che ing the rag an' et up the wife of his boosom? I backed out of the door, calling softly and fearfully.

A faint rattle of coal answered him.

ADVANCED boldly and shut the door behind

HE ADVANCED boldly and shut the door behind him.

"Come out now!" he commanded sternly, carrying things off with a high hand to conceal his own trepidation. "Come out an' I'll settle wid ye for spilin' me evenin'—stickin' yer fa-a-ce under the dure!"

Thus entreated, Mrs. Mulcarty crept out from the

"Timmie," she quavered, "the-the-woild baste-Where is ut?

"Bad seran to ye!" he returned gruffly, shivering spite of himself. "Did ye think I brung it home in spite of himself.

THE next morning Tim Mulcarty woke to find himself the center of attraction. Hardly had he and his wife risen when the neighbors came knocking at the door to show them a "pixchure" purporting to be Tim Mulcarty, valiantly charging a tiger five times as large as himself, and a column of blood-curdling description of the events of the previous even-

ring, headed: "THE HERO OF SCRUB STREET!"

This in spite of the fact that Tim had "niver had a photograf took" in all his life. "Not that it looks a bit loike 'im." observed Mrs. Mulcarty, squinting at it right side up and upside down, trying to reconcile herself to Timmie's newly acquired beard and a piratical mustache he could tie back of his ears. "But how and they talke a good likeness as Timmie an' bim. and they ta-a-ke a good likeness av Timmie, an' him yin' in bed fast asleep in the dar-rk, sure?"

The men were appealed to to straighten out the puzzle. They agreed to a man that "the pixchure was took be the wireless systim," and that it was a speakin' likeness of Tim, whatever way you held it. While they were still excitedly spelling out the wondrous tale, a young man (Concluded on page 30)

The Place of Thanksgiving

Another Tepee Sketch

By Grace Coolidge

ILLUSTRATED BY DOUGLAS DUER

7 E WERE driving down the valley. Beside me was the ranchman. Behind, on the back seat, a little huddled in his voluminous fur coat, his keen face softened slightly as he mused, his eyes straying over the sunlit valley, sat the half-breed. The ranch-

man wheeled suddenly, pointing.

"Look!" he cried, "up there in the rocks, against the sky line—if it wasn't so preposterous I'd say that was a man."

I stared, too. "But surely—it's so far away, though—it looks like a man, standing under those rocks, on that lit-tle flat bit of red sand— But he's so

still—"
"It can't be, What on earth would
he be doing up there? It's far from
water or roads or any person. What
in the world—"
In his soft, slightly ironical voice the
half-breed spoke, "It is a man," he
said, "He's praying."

Over our shoulders we both looked
back at him.

back at him. "Fasting and praying," pursued the half-breed.

"Who is it?" I asked.

"Old Plenty Elk. I'm sure you know him. His wife's been sick all winter, very low, from what I hear. He's up there praying and fasting for her—three days and three nights."

"But—no water even?"
"Oh, no!"

WE STARED at the tiny, remote figure silherents. E STARED at the tiny, remote figure silhouetted against rocks and sky.

The soft, ironical voice went on: "He's making what you call an oblation. That's

little more than an offering, a little ess than sacrifice, isn't it?" Again we turned our faces toward the

old man among the rocks.

"Does he think God is displeased with

'He doesn't know, but he feels safer in doing what he can to placate Him." Then the half-breed laughed a little. "But I think God's hard to placate." he said.

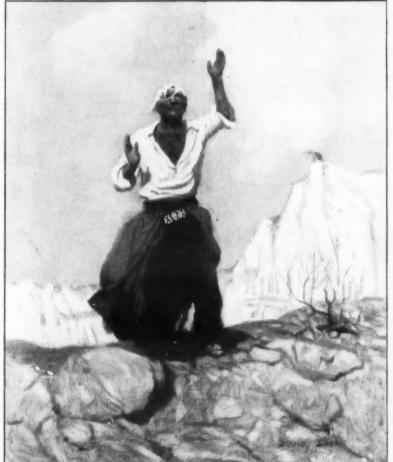
There followed the slightest pause, hich, strangely enough, seemed to verge on the uncomfortable.

"God must hear many sighs, many excuses," I

gan. 'And sometimes something better," broke in the Margad. Then he laughed again. "At least from half-breed. Then he laughed again. Indians," he added.

'What?" I queried.
"What?" I queried.
"Well, thanksgiving, for instance." He made a little gesture toward the man who prayed. "Oblations—I remember once long ago, when I was a little chap and we used to trail about over these

prairies; after game, away from enemies, driven by some spur or other, on, on—" He made a sudden pause. "We little ones used to bump along with the puppies and the bigger babies in the travols. You know what they are, don't you? The



wife's been sick all winter. He's up there praying and fasting for her - three days and three nights

Indians sometimes trail tepee poles that way now, the slender ends tied on each side of a saddle, the others dragging. Well, sometimes we would all get spilled out, kids, pupples, all together." He chuckled softly. "And I remember that far out in the Bad Lands, east of here, a day's march in any direction from good water, there was a little spring.

see how any water could have got in that place, especially sweet water; neither did the Indians. They
thought God must have put it there purposely. I
remember particularly once in the summer when we
reached it after a fearfully long, parched day. The
whole stretch of country was so flery
we could feel the heat through the soles

of our moccasins. The air trembled above

'As soon as we struck camp I made for that spring, and ran and threw my-self down in the mud beside it. meaning to bury my face in its freshness. suddenly my mother came striding to my side. She snatched me by a bare shoulder and had me upright in a trice I can feel her fingers yet. They—pinched me. I looked up o her face, towering so far above me-you see I was a very ifftle boy—and I heard her voice, hoarse and harsh with the dust that was in her throat. 'Stop!' she said, 'don't touch the water till you have first thanks to God. Not one drop.' beside her a long time, or so it seemed to me, her hand still upon my shoulder. But I did not thank God. I did nothing but just wait, sniffing the freshness of the water. She, however—I did not look at her, but she stood very quiet, quivering a little. I could feel her. Then she stooped and laid a piece of beadwork down by the spring. There were many similar pieces there, some quite old and

worn by the weather. At last she knelt and drank. I knelt beside her."
"By Jove!" cried the ranchman, "this is all very interesting to me. Do you know I think that—I own that spring now."

No one owned it then." the half-breed. Then, under his breath "Unless God did."

THE ranchman gave him a quick, uncertain look. "You know where my place is, I think." He spoke in his clear, hearty voice. "It lies way out in the Bad Lands, twenty miles from anybody. It was on account of the spring, of course, that I took that piece up. It's beautiful water, and never failing."

I remember," said the half-breed.

And just as you have said, there were all sorts

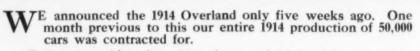
of old beadwork things lying about it, and knives and

of old beadwork things lying about it, and knives and flints—I don't know what all."

The half-breed leaned back in his seat. A long, gentle breath escaped him. "I wonder," he said, "if you ever found a little pair of moccasins—white they were, with a blue pattern. Oh! I remember them perfectly. My mother would leave them there that time, and how I cried! But I'm talking nonsense; of course they must have gone back to the elements years ago. Mine? Oh, yes, they were mine."







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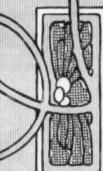
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By Henry Wallace Phillips

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N OLD Dakota," said Red Saunders, poised in "N OLD Dakota," said Red Saunders, poised in his favorite attitude of "Just Before the Drink," "was a bunch of people that had slight regard for fences, seen or unseen—people that was very much like themselves, but differed from each other. You fought or you didn't fight, you worked or you gambled, you went to church regular or you were a heathen for fair, but you didn't do much strad-like of the force. If you tried that on you have the dlin' of the fence. If you tried that on, real parties would come and pull your legs until they split you in two. Still, as the arnakist said when he heaved the dynamite at the Czar, there's exceptions to every

"Our poor old colored friend and brother was the exception here. Given a bunch of Confederates that never surrendered and a scrapping remnant of the G. A. R., and you can imagine how clear the result was,

they got on the nigger question. It was time for all highly colored folks to be moderate in their idees.

"Well, sir, to listen you'd think the nigger was anythin' from a chocolate angel to a cross between a gorilla and the crime of '73.

"I never could make much sense out of the arguments. 'S a matter of fact, I never could make much sense out of any argument. Nobody ever listens to anythin' but his own bazoo in an argument any

To me the darky is much the same as any humanmore kiddish, kinder unbigoted about matrimony and loose clothes and truck, but otherwise the same old human na-ture. I always used to say that and no more when the bunch in Tobin begun to beller and moo of an evenin'.

HEN, all of a suddent, there come a play that put a new light on things, and pleased North and South about equal, and raised the son of Ham in the popular eye. Now, mind you, I'm talkin' of Dakota. I ain't sayin' this caper would please the Su-preme Court, nor be given the prize tidy from an old ladies' sewin' bee; but to us and to any outfit of two-handed men that has to use both to make a livin', I'll bet my red head agin a rubber doll that Buffy gits verdict. Buff was a cheerthe verdict. Buff was a cheer-ful fool nigger. Could pick a banjo to put a jig in a mud turtle, and shoot a rifle out of all nature. Neither stunt was much use to him, as Biff wouldn't harm a livin' thing;

wouldn't harm a livin' thing:
he could only pick up an odd
two bits once in a while at long
range and trick shootin'. He
was a friend of all the game. He'd go in the woods
and whistle, and the birds would flock around him;
the deer would walk up and let him scratch their
backs. Nothin' feared him and nothin' from a gopher
up respected him. No worry to Buff so long's he could
wallop the banjo, git enough to eat, and lie in the sun.
"This world's a cinch!" says Buffy.

H E WAS the child of a careless cullud female person who hadn't the slightest idea who Buffy person who hadn't the slightest idea who Buffy orter call pa. A rancher by the name of Cornelius Angevine found the poor little maverick, raised and protected him, and, until he himself fell on hard luck, always had a piece of money and a grubstake for Buff. We used to think that Buff took it all as he did the sunlight. The folks that liked Buff looked at it that Buff felt Angy too far above him to ever think about paying the white man back.

back.

"But—one fine day, with the sun climbin' up on the sky rim like a red-hot penny, Angy takes leave of the wife for to go to town and shoot a gentleman friend of his.

"The wife took on somethin' fearful. A noble-lookin' woman, Mrs. Angevine, a good wife and mother, and the beloved of Angy's heart; but this

here was a man's business. Seems Mr. Meechon, the banker, had got Angy to put up good money agin a minin' proposition. It took a lot of money to git to the bottom of the shaft, and when they got there it was just simply covered by a layer of nice fresh air.

NGY took the trouble to go look himself, after his A money was lost, and the miners fold him they hadn't the slightest idee that the person that dug the hole had the notion of profit in sight. They said they thought it was one of these here new idees in physical culture, because they couldn't see why anyone should expect to find gold in the middle of an alkali flat unless it was on the principle that as gold alkali flat, unless it was on the principle that as gold never had been found on an alkali flat, it was high time that it was.

Stinged!' says Angy, and took it fair good-natured, although Meechon let on to be a terrible friend of his. But then when the mortgage come due on the place, Meechon wouldn't let up, and at this precise minute somebody had to tell Angy a tale that made him ask his wife questions. And she, unfortunately bein' a truthful woman, admitted that Meechon had

he tells the nigger the hull bizzee with 'You know I'm a square man, Buff! and I never harmed no man, Buff! and all those simple-minded remarks even the strongest man will make when his head is even the strongest man will make when his head is fogged with anger.

"'I'll fix him, Buff!' says Angy. 'I'm on my way now, and if that Kiote don't frizzle in hell this night, my name ain't Angevine!'

"So on he goes, and poor Buffy looks after him, with tears streamin' down his face. All he can think of its a picture of the man that raised and coved for

of is a picture of the man that raised and cared for him danglin' at the end of a rope for the killin' of Banker Meechon.

BEFO' Gawd! I can't stand fo' mt: says buny.

And away he goes, too, on a sorter private way of his own that give his hide-and-hair rack an even break agin Angy's slashin' Kentucky horse. Yes, sobbin', prayin', and half mad, there goes Nigger EFO' Gawd! I can't stand fo' hit! says Buffy.

"And the finish was one of these affairs you don't the show.

"And the finish was one of these affairs you don't expect to fall over unless you pay for a ticket to the show. Meechon was standin' in front of Polk's hardware store, when Buff breaks into town over the railroad track, while here come's Angy on the war impure from the other end of jump from the other end of

"Buff seen 'em both, and larruped his old critter for the first time in its life. He seen he couldn't work his scheme that way, tho', so he slides takes a rest on the park for and blazes away at Banker Meechon at 600 yards, paced by myself and two others, "And down goes Banker

Meechon, and nothin', you see, for Mrs. Angy or anyone else to worry about, so Buffy puts to worry about, so bully puts his hands to his mouth and howls: 'Don't bother no mo', Marse Angy! Mr. Meechon, he's daid!' and keels over.

NATURALLY us lookers on didn't by ATURALLY us lookerson didn't know anythin'
about this play from
what-the-devil? to who's-got-amatch? It ain't the kind of
thing often done to oblige a
friend. From the midst of the
jumble I remember another lad
and myself picked up Buffy,
and somethin' about the town and somethin' about the town constable tryin' to be rough with the nigger and deliberately haulin' off and strikin' me in the fist with his front teeth. I don't recall seein' that constable agin that day. Old Buckle, the marshal, was a different sort.

We all knew there was somethin' behind, though we did not know it was self-sacrifice to the point of takin' another

man's payin'.

"'Let me have the poor devil, Red,' says he. 'T'll see he's used right, whatever comes of it.'
"'And next there was Banker Meechon, propped up alongside the hardware shop. A dirty shame! Buff had only creased him. Not so bad for 600

W ELL, there ain't much more to it. We dug out how it was. Angy took it is how it was, Angy took it in, you see, and the citizens felt that it was about time they broke into the bankin' business; they fixed it so that Angevine had from then till the date of the first ice carnival in hell to pay his mortgage, and Buffy got a brand-new banjo, and we all gave him a receipt for all favors received on to control the second of th received or to come

"And yet I hear people say a nigger is only a nigger!—well, that's so, too—a banker's only a banker, when you come to that. Meechon had missed death by an inch that day, but do you suppose it changed him any? Never! He'd gouge the next man as soon as his scalp got well.

"Well, here's regards to us all, and a white skin to every decent nigger the next time he lands in Dakota. How!"



"Befo' Gawd! I can't stand fo' hit!' says Buffy. And away he goes, too, on a sorter private way of his own

bothered her considerable, and made propositions 'way to the smelly side of respectable.
"Hence, Angy and his little gun and the ride to

Now as Angy rides along he ain't got any nose for the sweet mornin' breeze, you bet your life; the only that hot thirst in his throat for blood. only that not thirst in his throat for blood. They say this is wicked and brutal—but you plant a deacon on a desert isle for a while and after a week or so he'll be hollerin' for beefsteak, and he'll do some queer things to get a mouthful of hard-tack. Or if it's water he lacks, he'll be worse yet. Ain't that wicked and brutal too? wicked and brutal too?

"I think it's as well for them that either never had temper, or else no cause to use it, to go slow on slammin' the likes of Angy. Howsomever, after a piece, who does Angy meet up with but Nigger Buff, takin' that rifle of his, of course, that he never fired at nothin', and smilin' his fool smile all over his face and near fallin' off his plug bowin' and duckin' to Marse

"Fury had made Angy as big a child as Buff, so

The Advance

By Lewis B. Allyn

FROM Boston to San Fran-ROM Boston to San Francisco runs the challenge of the pure and sanitary food idea. During October, 1914, the former city will experience the first real purefood show in its history. Many a food show has been held by the Mechanica Build. held in the Mechanics Build-

food show in its history. Many a food show has been held in the Mechanics Building; but in none of them has purity of product received such special attention as will be in order for the exposition of next year.

Food fairs, like people, seldom improve when they have no other model but themselves to copy. Happily enough for their future, there have been a few models forthcoming in the smaller food fairs of the past eighteen months. These have stimulated a well-nigh general interest in better foods to such an extent that many a city proposes to hold its own pure-food fair or to conduct its own pure-food fair or to conduct its own food exhibit along the lines suggested in Collier's for July 5 and 19. If this standard is universally adopted, nothing unclean, unwholesome, or questionable will gain admission.

For the first time in exposition history the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, open at San Francisco from February 20 to December 4, inclusive, will provide a building to be used exclusively for exhibition of food products. This building will be known as the Food Products Palace. It will have a floor space of something over five and one-half acres. A section containing over 6,500 square feet has been reserved for the display of foods characterized by their freedom from taint and pollution of any kind whatever, whether legal or not.

In this space booths will be erected, and will be occupied by manufacturers who believe in and practice the propaganda of purity and quality. Thus it will be seen that the two great canals—the Panama and the alimentary—will receive a helpful consideration.

HUNTINGTON'S FAIR A BEACON

THE open season for food fairs is usually from August to June. Earliest among those deserving commendation is the Pure Food Show and Exposition of Domestic Science, recently held at Huntington, L. I. The motive of the Huntington Political Equality League is worthy of the careful consideration of every men's and women's organization. "The members of the Huntington Political Equality League"—so runs the declaration—"have pledged themselves to

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"The members of the Huntington Political Equality League"—so runs the declaration—"have pledged themselves to do, each year, outside of their regular work, some one thing which shall be of service to this community."

The various educational exhibits and lectures of the exposition are presented in the hope that they will be of interest and benefit to all who see them. But if only one woman's burdens are lightened by the help she will receive here; if only one boy or girl learns the lesson of right living, the lesson of dignity and worth of honest labor, the lesson of responsibility to others, the members of the league will feel that their efforts have been rightly rewarded.

The officers of the league felt that for this year it could do no one thing of more signal service to the community than to give the citizens an opportunity to study the problem of pure foods first hand.

Together with the display made by

Together with the display made by high-grade manufacturers of food products were the New York State exhibit of pure and adulterated foods, the exhibit from the Department of Weights and Measures, the Consumers' League exhibit, with the results of simple tests upon various food products performed by children in the public schools.

All of these give a wide range for study and stimulate helpful interest.

"We cannot tell," says the secretary of the league, "how much we have helped our people. If attendance and interest are criteria, good results should follow." This is Mrs. Gibson's conservative way of Together with the display made by



putting the facts: "As the dimensions of the tree are not always regulated by the size of the seed, so the consequences of things are not always proportionate to the apparent magnitude of those events that have medical them."

that have produced them."

The food fair in the little town of Huntington is one of those bright beacons which illumine the path of food progress from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

THE TRUTH ABOUT **FOODS**

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Chicle

Kindly tell me what common chewing gum is made from?—H. L. C., Arizona.

The basis of the article you mention is gum chicle, a gummy substance obtained by congulating the sap of any one of several trees of the Sapotacer. These trees are found particularly in Mexico and Central America.

The gum, after being more or less purified (and usually less), is mixed with sugar, glucose, various flavors, oils, essences, and medicaments.

Filth in Chewing Gum

With amazement I have learned that the brand of chewing gum I have been using for years is not clean. I have been shown the muddy color, which, I am informed, is due to dirt, and the black specks may be bark, dirt, Pies, or anything else you care to imagine. This seems to me to be impossible. But if the fact that the crude chewing aum, as it seems to me to be impossible. But if the fact that the crude chewing gum, as it comes from the tree, is pure and white, and the sugar is pure and white, and the sugar is pure and white, and the flavor is colorless, is true, then the flavished gum should be pure and white; but the gum I have been in the habit of using is anything but pure and white. What must I do! I do not enjoy the chewing gum I have been buying any more. Is there not some chewing gum made that is clean, and where does the Pure Food Law come in!—An Indignant Gum User, M. W. R. New Jersey.

There is no question that the majority

There is no question that the majority of chewing gums on the market are con-taminated with dirt and filth of vari-cus kinds. Their removal, by ordinary methods at the disposal of the manufacmethods at the disposal of the manufac-turers, is a very serious and difficult mat-ter. Yet it can be done, and is being done to-day by at least one firm. A prominent manufacturer told the writer recently that the chewing gum was the only dirty product which went from the factory, and they were employing several experts to show them how the product could be improved.

experts to show them now the product could be improved.

As a matter of law, the majority of chewing gums are probably adulterated, as dirt and débris of insects and the like could be properly classed as adulterants. A few remarks made by a visitor at the

pure-food exhibit at West-field are apropos to the sub-ject under discussion.

The Proof

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The statement is startling, but capable of absolute proof, and proof so convincing that it is a matter of astonishment that in this age of pure-food agitation it has not been condemned and corrected:

"The last culprit to be haled before the bar of purity is that old friend of our childhood and present soother of our jangled nerves, chewing gum.

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"One of the most astonjshing phases of the chewinggum business is its magnitude: over \$36,000,000 of invested capital, paying over \$4,000,000 in annual
dividends, producing, by expert testimony, over 685,700,000 five-cent packages of gum per year at a wholesale
selling price of over \$15,000,000, which
retail at over \$34,000,000.

"A great national business—and this
great national business has been built on
the dirt, as it were. We say this advisedly, for if a business touching the
people so closely as the chewing-gum
business does is not founded on the rock
of absolute purity, it is open to attack, of absolute *purity*, it is open to attack, and a defense of *dirt*, however artful, is unbelievable.

unbellevable.

"The pure-food exhibition at Westfield opened our eyes to the condition to which we have, heretofore, been blind. The chewing gum which we buy and find advertised on every side of us (by the way, we now recall that we have never seen an advertisement of chewing gum, with one exemption, stating that the gum with one exemption, stating that the gum with one exception, stating that the gum was clean) is made from a gum gathered in the tropics, and it is right here that the trouble starts.

"The trees yielding the crude gum are, as a rule, magnificent specimens with trunks 50 and 60 feet in the clear without a branch.

out a branch.

"The process of gathering the sap is as follows: The trunk of the tree is scored in zigzag fashion, from the first

as follows: The trunk of the tree is scored in zigzag fashion, from the first branch to the ground, thus making a trough fully 70 to 100 feet in actual length; now the sap flowing into this cut is pure and white—do not forget this—but what happens?

"Imagine, if you can, 100 feet of tanglefoot flypaper hung in the woods for a week—our own northern woods, to say nothing of the tropics! What you would catch would stock a museum of natural history. The sap as it flows down the tree, being sweet and sticky, attracts and holds many things that move, walk, fly, or are blown. The native gatherer is not a dainty person; he has not a care in the world—why should he worry? He is paid by the pound, and even a fly weighs something.

"Now the sap is collected in buckets and taken to a central station and

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"Now the sap is collected in buckets and taken to a central station and boiled, with all its collection of natural history specimens intact, there made into cakes and exported to the States.

"It would be natural to suppose that this crude gum, so purc and white when it came from the tree, and now so otherwise, would be put through a drastic filtration and refining before being used. Far from it, the only process is to break it into small pieces the size of cracked corn, and hand pick. Try picking a fly out of a lump of putty! Enough said—this hand picking is sometimes supplemented by a crude washing with water. "This gum is then melted and sugar and flavor added, cooled and rolled out as desired, packed and sold to 90,000,000 of men, women, and children, carrying on its face the bar sinister of dirt, for the muddy color is dirt and the specks you see are—well, they may be pieces of bark or bits of leather or perhaps defunct inhabitants of the tropical forest. There is no guarantee given as to the exact nature.

"But why, you ask, do not the manuexact nature.

exact nature.

"But why, you ask, do not the manufacturers cleanse the crude gum of these foreign substances? Can it not be done?



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long as you and I cheerfully chew and say nothing?

"But from what we saw at the Westfield pure-food show this condition of things will not last, for there we saw chewing gum pure and white, as clean as it comes from the tree, proof positive that it can be cleaned; so hereafter any maker of chewing gum that desires our custom must furnish us with pure white chewing gum, or we shall pass it by; the idea of being a walking washing machine, doing the work that should be done in a refinery and swallowing the refuse, is not an appetizing proposition. No, sir—we look at the chewing gum we use now—pure and white, or nothing."

(Note.—The chewing gum displayed at the Westfield exhibit was Mo-Joes, manufactured by the Chicle Products Co. of Newark, N. J.)

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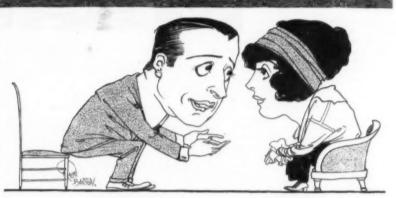
I recently purchased a jar of jam, and

on reading the label could not find by whom or for whom it was packed. Is it not illegal to sell such products without the packer's name? What would you advise me to do?

packer or distributor who has pride A packer or distributor who has pride in his goods does not hesitate to put his name on them. If he leaves this off, it is wise to cast about for a reason—for a rea-son there certainly is. Absence of name frequently indicates inferiority of product. No, it is not illegal.

The name of the manufacturer or pro-

The name of the manufacturer or producer or the place where manufactured, except in case of mixtures and compounds having a distinct name, need not be given upon the label, but if given must be the true name and the true place. The words "packed for ——," "distributed by ——," or some equivalent phrase, shall be added to the label in case the name which appears upon the label is not that of the actual manufacturer or producer, or the name of the turer or producer, or the name of the place not the actual place of manufac-ture or production.



Calling on a Girl

By HOMER CROY

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In MISSOURI there is an agitation among the farmers' wives to send the young men who come to call on their daughters home at half-past ten.

The mental prodigy who is penning these lines wishes it to be known that he is in favor of the movement. If this plan had been adopted a few years earlier, it would have saved him a great deal of suffering.

A few years ago, before my hair began to slide down my collar, there was nothing that I loved to do more than sit in a girl's parlor and discuss the great questions of the day usually consisted of how pretty her dimple looked in a low light and what marvelous expression lay in the limpid depths of her great brown eyes. I have often discussed this matter with her until midnight and then felt that I had just barely opened up the subject. To discuss this I had to sit on the same sofa with her, and I found that I could think better in a low light. It seems that my mind works best when the light is low and when she is close enough for me to do my thinking in a whisper. I have noticed that this is especially true when her father is sleeping in the next room. There is nothing that I would I have noticed that this is especially true when her father is sleeping in the next room. There is nothing that I would rather do than discuss the great questions of the day with a girl. Especially if she is a pretty girl. I love to take her by the hand and try to explain the tariff, the Mexican situation, and other deep questions that I have heard about.

I HAVE discussed many great questions of the day with girls on the old hair sofa back in Missourl. One queer thing about the great questions that I have noticed is that no difference what question we start off on it usually ends by m; telling her how glossy her hair looks in the sunlight. I can start out talking about "Our Duty to the Philippines" and the first thing I know I am telling her what a picture she made yesterday under the apple blossoms with the great, red sun shimmering through the tumbling branches and lighting up her golden tresses. As with thinking, I have noticed that I can discuss great questions better if the light is turned low. I can figure out better plans for the Government to follow if the light is just barely a glimmer. My best Government work is done just as the light is about to go out.

One evening I went to call on a girl

to discuss the Mexican situation. I started in by sitting clear across the room from her, but the first thing I knew I found myself on the same sofa with her. So deeply was I interested in the subject that the first thing I knew it was after midnight. Still I did not wish to go home as I had not yet thought up a good plan for the Government to follow. I did not wish to desert the Government in its hour of trouble. I was sitting there turning the plan over and over in my mind when I heard a deep, guttural cough just on the other side of the partition. I gave this only passing heed as I had not yet settled the Mexican trouble to my entire satisfaction.

AGAIN I heard the same cough, but still I did not wish to drop the subject, although one of my feet was fast asleep. Again came the same disagreeable cough followed by a step, but still I thought nothing of this and continued my plans for a better, greater United States where we could all go to the theatre every night and have ice cream twice a day and that I was expecting a raise in salary. Just as I had finished telling her that she was the only woman who had ever understood me, I heard a door creak on its hinge and in a moment I felt a strange hand on my coat collar. There were hands that I did not mind having around my coat collar, but I felt an immediate distaste for this one. The feeling was mutual, for in a moment I noticed that my feet were not touching the floor, and in another second I found myself in the yard sitting on my elbow. At ticed that my feet were not touching the floor, and in another second I found myself in the yard sitting on my elbow. At the same time I felt a tightening at the seat of my trousers and turned to observe that Napoleon, their dog, was there. I arose to my feet as best I could with Napoleon hanging on and started home. A schoolhouse was two miles out; it seemed no time until we had reached it. There I left Napoleon behind, panting and discouraged, but he had put up a good exhibition of running. I had never before been thrown with a dog who was so good on his feet. In a few minutes I was home, although it was usually considered a good morning's drive. I am with the Missouri women heart and soul in their efforts to make it an established custom that young men callers leave at half-past ten. If this had been the custom a few years earlier, it would have saved much suffering on part of a brilliant young student of the great questions of the day.

The women and children were almost as deeply interested as the men



A New Wrinkle for the Farm Uplift

By EWING GALLOWAY

THE newest thing in trail blazing for the movement toward better methods in farming was done in Warrettounty, Kentucky. Dr. H. H. Cherry, president of the State Normal School at Bowling Green, the county seat, conceived a plan for holding four four-day farmers' Chautauquas at points within ensy reach of large numbers of country people. He believed that if Chautauquas for the entertainment and edification of the general public could be held in towns and cities, the plan could be used successfully as a means of bringing farmers and farmers' wives and children together in large numbers to listen to experts in rural betterment and to discuss with one another the problems most vital to their welfare.

HOW THE PLAN STARTED

AT the beginning Dr. Cherry was none too sanguine, but when his idea became known he received eLeouragement from a great variety of sources. Dr. Fred Mutchler, State Agent of Farm Demonstration Work, who supervises the work of county farm advisers in Kentucky for the Department of Agriculture, not only approved the plant, but volunteered to direct the Chautauquas. The Department of Agriculture sent Dr. William Hart Dexter from Washington to help carry out the program, and the State Department of Agriculture, the State Board of Health, the Kentucky Experiment Station, the State Department of Education, many good-roads officials, a half-doze, or more ministers, ore ministers,

ment of Education, icals, a half-doze, and some of the leading business men of Bowling Green contributed to the success of the meetcess of the meetings. In addition the forces in entucky and Kentucky the representa-tives of the natives of the na-tional Govern-ment, a number of men from Ohio, Tennessee, Alabama, Mis-souri, Minnesota, and Virginia ren-dered valueble valuable ance. All help was ssary, of assistance that

These men at the rural Chautauqua are learning to make the Babcock test for fats in milk

that help was necessary, of course, but the most significant feature of the Chautauquas was the interest manifested by the farmers themselves.

A local committee in each of the communities where Chautauquas were held cooperated with Dr. Mutchler, Dr. Cherry, and the county farm adviser in arranging for the physical needs and comforts of the crowds.

Much of the expense money was raised among farmers and local business men, but John B. McFerran of Louisville, a native of Warren County, furnished most of the cash.

IN TENTED GROVES

THE meetings were held in groves, and a tent with a seating capacity of seven hundred was used. Small tents were supplied by the committees for the convenience of campers. Sanitary ar-

rangements were made under the direc-tion of Dr. J. N. McCormack, State Health Officer, and general living condi-tions about the grounds were made as intensely practical and as nearly ideal as possible.

RESULTS EXCEED ALL EXPECTATIONS

THE Chautauquas were begun on Sun-THE Chautauquas were begun on Sunday mornings. Prominent ministers from Louisville and Lexington, the principal cities of the State, did the preaching, and the local preachers, who gave up their regular services in order to be present at these meetings, engaged in round-table discussions of the problems of the country church as a force for general rural betterment.

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On the week days experts delivered lectures on soil improvement and conservation, methods of crop cultivation, up-to-date live-stock raising, dairying, fruit growing, road building, rural hygiene and sanitary science, household economy, education and the consolidation of small country schools, and other important subjects.

None of the meetings were held within eleven miles of Bowling Green. The idea was that it was far better to give the Chautauquas a genuine rural atmosphere. It was a case of going all the way to the farmer with the scientific instruction he was supposed to need. The attendance exceeded all expectations. No session was held with less than four hundred people present, and, according to Dr. Mutchler, there were more than fifteen hundred on severiff occasions. Many

people attended all four of the Chautauquas,

The women and children and children were almost as deeply interested as the men. Women, young and old, listened to the lectures on household problems and dwatched closely all the demonstrations in domestic science. mestic science. The instruction The instruction was elementary

she test for fats in milk what most of the women wanted. Special talks were given to boys and girls. Since the Chrutauquas were held the farmers are having neighborhood meetings to discuss such subjects as soil fertilization, rotation of crops, cooperative buying of farm and household supplies, and the consolidation of schools. Soon after the first Chautauqua a committee of farmers called on the County Superintendent and asked him to assist them in having the schools of their neighborhood consolidated.

The newspapers of the State gave the meetings a good deal of publicity, and Dr. Mutchler, Dr. Cherry, and the county farm adviser are receiving inquiries about the plan from many counties in the State.

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By Arthur Ruhl



by two, with their own band splintering the air with "Row! Row! Row!" or "Waitia' for the Robert E. Lee"—this school is in the heart of the Italian quarter, on New York's East Side. The fathers of these children were, of course, away at work; often the mother is away too, or if not, hard at work, perhaps, on piecework at home. You can imagine some of the smallest, like the little girls on the right-hand end of the front row, toddling home on a cold winter's day, or through the rain, climbing the dark tenement stairs to shift for themselves. Even if the mother is at home and there is enough to eat, she may have neither the time nor understanding to prepare a proper meal, and the chances are that there is nothing but bread and coffee or tea. The majority of such children as these have tea or coffee once a day, and probably a third of them—to judge from the figures of the volunteer committee, which has taken the matter up in New York City and served experimental lunches in several schools—have tea or coffee more than once. If they are fortunate enough to have a few pennies, "lunch" often means nothing more nourishing than the "jawbreakers" or licorice sticks sold by pushcarts and cheap candy shops. A very considerable portion of them come back unfit for work in the afternoon.

NECESSITY PROVED

selling the food, generally, at a slight profit; or the lunch contract is let to a caterer. There are lunches of the latter sort in some of the New York City high schools.

The lunches of the started by the volunteer committee mentioned here are of a different kind. They are intended to combine a maximum of nourish-

mum of nourish ment with a mini mum of cost—to give a sufficient meal to those who

Three cents, judiciously applied, will buy a tolerable luncheon-and an excellent one

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committee's purpose was merely to dem-onstrate the need and the practicability of the public-school lunch in such neigh-borhoods as it picked out, with the hope that, having so demonstrated it, the city would take over the work. The demon-stration is complete in the judgment of the volunteer workers and of the teachers in whose schools it has been tried, and the city, although declining as yet to take over ity, although declining as yet to take over the work, has given the committee enough money to start four central kitchens from which sixteen schools can be served.

MARKED MENTAL IMPROVEMENT

In 1911-12 the volunteer committee served 174,199 lunches to an average of 1,500 children a day, in seven schools. For these lunches, where each dish cost a penny, the children paid \$5,730.38. This covered the cost of the food itself, but the cost of service and administration made a deficit of slightly over a cent on each lunch.

The principal dish at these lunches is a thick soup, made with split peas, beans, macaroni, lentils, or meat and vegetables—and the soup has to be carefully adapted to the nationality of the school, for these children, not having enjoyed a

adapted to the nationality of the school, for these children, not having enjoyed a very wide experience in the matter of food, are likely to consider inedible things they have not encountered at home. This soup costs a cent, and everyone is supposed to take it. Two slices of bread or three graham crackers are also a cent. These make the pièce de resistance. Then there is hot cocoa at a cent a cup, and a "penny table" where a bit of salad, fancy cakes and cookies, sweet chocolate like that found in slot

machines, and sugar-coated apples on a stick (a curi-ous but vastly popular dessert) may also be bought for a cent. Three cents, judiciously applied, will buy a tolerable will buy a tolerable luncheon—and an excellent one when the children bring their own bread 5 home—and 5 their own bread from home—and 5 cents invested in soup, bread, cocoa,

from home—and 5 cents invested in soup, brend, cocoa, and cakes—enough for a man. Indeed, the lunches are sufficiently attractive to be taken by the teachers, generally, in the schools where they have been tried.

Providing for children who cannot afford to pay for lunches is one of the embarrassments encountered. Anything like visible discrimination would be fatal, and the objection to "charity" on the part of parents whose children can afford to pay, however little spare cash there be at home, makes it necessary that the lunch be at least nominally self-sustaining. It is, so far as food is concerned—will be even more so with the central kitchens—and if every child spent 5 cents, the cost of service could be met as well. Thus far the committee has made up the deficit, and in a few cases lunch tickets have been bought for particularly needy children by the organized charity societies. Several children in each school earn their lunches by helping to serve.

The improvement in the physical condition of children who were sullen or stupid during the afternoon session, before the lunches were tried, leads their teachers to believe that the school lunch, simple as it is, is their most substantial meal of the day. Its advantages on rainy or very cold days—for there are courtyards in the schools sufficient for exercise—are obvious enough. The prospect of discontinuing it is viewed by the teachers in whose schools it has been tried with something like consternation.

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WHY STARVE THE CHILDREN?

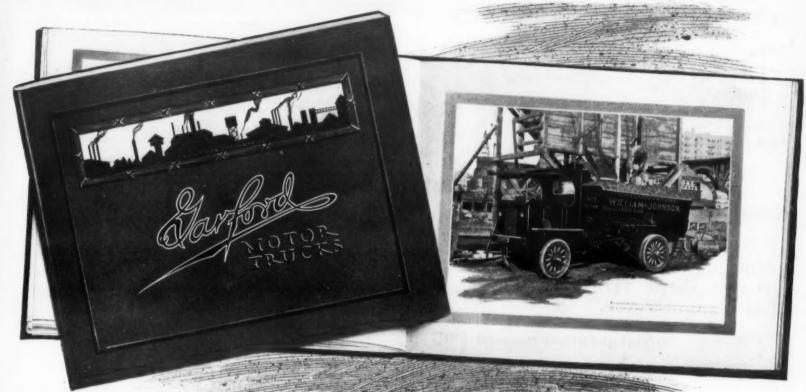
THE only argument against these lunches appears to be the general one that such enterprises tend to reduce the responsibility of parents. It would undoubtedly be desirable to have the lunch pay for itself, literally, as it now does in theory, and if it were made general, central kitchens established, and the work kept as free from graft as it has been under the volunteer committee, this might be done.

this might be done.
The fact that an average expenditure of 5 cents would of 5 cents would pay for the lunches, pay for the lunches, even as now conducted, shows how narrow the margin of deficit is. Some of the "luxuries," like sweet chocolate, could be sold at a higher price. Two slabs similar to the ones sold for a cent each in slot machines are now sold for a penny, and the amount sold shows how keenly the children appreciate the bargain. But the theory here is that wholesome sweets

wholesome sweets must be made at-tractive in order to meet the competi-tion of the pushcart peddlers, whose



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wares, however unhygienic, often exhibit alluring size and the colors of the

so far as New York is concerned, there seems to be little in the "pauperization" argument, inasmuch as the city already supplies its public-school children with schoolbooks. The feeling of those interested in the lunches is that it is searrely common sense to spend mil. is scarcely common sense to spend mil-lions for the education of children's brains and nothing for the care of the bodies which house the brains and keep

bodies which house the brains and keep them in working order.

The intelligence required to plan, cook, and serve attractive and wholesome food is not costly, yet it is astonishingly rare among those with whom the mere matter of getting enough to eat is the most vital problem of life.

A little of this sort of intelligence applied in such a form as the public-school lunch goes a long way—both in its direct-results on the children and, very possible, in its indirect education of the mothers as to the best way to prepare cheep and nourishing food.

LUNCHES OR HUNGER-WHICH?

THE suggestion that this use of surplus intelligence should be withheld on the ground that parents ought not to be helped lest they never learn to help themselves loses some of its force when confronted with a growing generation actually suffering from semistarvation. Cne doubts, at any rate, if it would commend itself strongly to anyone who had watched a few hundred of these tiny Americans pour downstairs at the noon hour; crowd up in line to the serving tables with their trays in one hand and their precious pennies tightly gripped in the other—or knotted by some careful mother in a handkerchief corner, almost beyond the hope of undoing—observed the businesslike and discriminating air with which they made their purchases, and then seen them stretched down the long board tables spooning away for dear life at the nearest thing to a square meal they get. eal they get.

NOTHING VAGUE ABOUT THIS

THE cheerfulness of the thing is contagious—its economy of time and effort—one well-run kitchen and a scientifically planned meal instead of hundreds of badly run kitchens and no meal at all—the feeling in the very alr. so to speak, that it's doing them "good." Many forms of helping the less fortunate are expensive and seem almiess and vague at best. There is nothing vague about this.

this.

It is as immediate and concrete as the sight of thirsty land drinking up a long-delayed rain. Even were the school lunch not to pay for itself, the cost of it to the taxpayers would be small, probably, in comparison with the money now wasted in equipment, of which ill-nourished children are not able to make use.

"The Restless Woman Question"

NORTHWESTERN HOSPITAL, Minneapolis, Minn.

EDITOR COLLIER'S:

In your editorial comment of August
16 you give us a paragraph on the
restless woman. Be advised by a
friend and admirer. Do not risk your
dignity by venturing beyond your depth
and trying to fathom the restless woman
question.

question.

Man is simple and woman is complex by nature.

I venture this hackneyed bit of wisdom in exchange for your mildewed statement that "women need a religion and a home

It is not given to the most subtle man to know the whys and wherefores of the simplest of women. Some inexperi-enced males think to have their own prop-erty-right females analyzed and classi-fied as to their fluctuating temperament erty-right females analyzed and classified as to their fluctuating temperament in a manner to cover all exigencies, only to find that adding compendiums to cover exceptions to their rules is a greater task than the original and one requiring the patience of the weather man. No one man can explain any one woman, yet you attempt in one short paragraph to settle this question which is a fusion of all that is unanswerable in all time—a complexity that results from the lack of adaptation to their environment of all classes of women during all time, by telling us what we need—a "return of belief—a dispensation of authority—a religion and a home." You are like a dog chasing his tail—you don't get anywhere. Dear man! woman has had these privileges during all the ages, and in spite of such blessings as a dispensation of authority she has become restless—now pray show me the logic of your cure-all by telling her to go back to first causes.

WE believe in evolution as applied to all phases of life—that through fire and flood—through tears and blood, in spite of all the seemingly hopeless conditions that complicate existence—there is an unfolding of the powers of man that makes him dominant, and makes of civilization something increasingly better.

Man, the simple one, is allowed infinite variety in life to keep pace with this

Man, the simple one, is allowed infinite variety in life to keep pace with this evolution. We no longer expect him to spend his whole time eating raw flesh and sleeping in the sun. But with woman, the complex being, convention cripples evolution and tries to restrict her to her primitive vocation alone—that of motherhood and suckling her young—and if she ventures into any other path you denounce her in words big, brassy and empty sounding, signifying nothing, like the clown's brass band of the circus—"a disturber of the world's

work, a slightly exotic deflector of man's

work, a slightly exotic deflector of man's efficiency, a troublesome sex machine"—troublesome because we don't "stay where we were put" with a club in times prehistoric.

A man may be a father and enjoy the honor and distinction of a career, but when a woman aims to be a mother plus any line of work or diversion that suits her tastes, something outside the life of any line of work or diversion that suits her tastes—something outside the life of the primitive woman—we hear this talk of the menace of the restless woman; and you prate to us that "only in motherhood is woman able to win her own center of quiet and man's be-lief."

lief."

Why take it for granted that we are such lovers of quiet or that man's belief in woman is any more necessary to her quietude than woman's belief in man?

Aside from being queen of the dish pan and of the nursery—by your imperial consent—woman has had foisted upon her all the difficult virtues, as self-sacrifice, self-shperation, chastity—and all ner all the difficult virtues, as self-sacrifice, self-abnegation, chastity—and all virtues that would be some tax on the man—and she is generously given these as her very own—whereby she may work out vicariously the salvation of the race.

MEN, as a class, are not so impregnated with parental instincts that we expect their whole lives to be given over to fatherly deeds, yet you, Mr. Editor, prescribe the life of woman to the maternal instinct and allow her to be a "social worker, patient [notice the patient] teacher, a nurse, or a nun." What a beautiful crown of self-abnegation you would have us wear! And you would fasten it securely with thorns.

We are tired of man's world and man's conventions being thrust upon us, tired of our thrones; we want to come down and share with you the glory and the self-sacrifice of parenthood as well as some of the Individual liberties of the free-born.

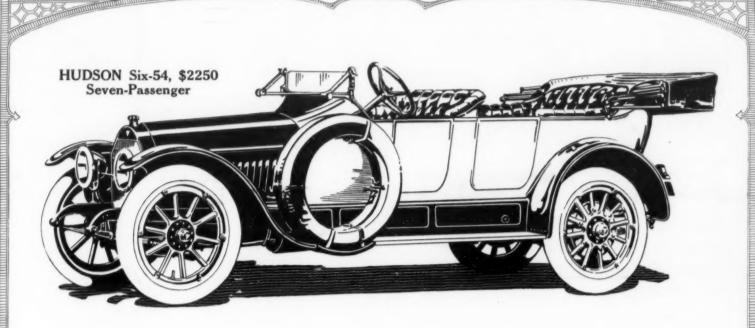
We are restless, we are glad to venture "start institution and share with your than the self-sacrifice of the

liberties of the free-born.

We are restless, we are glad to venture "out in mid-channel where choppy seas prevail," out from the haven of our stuffy, becalmed "home and religion" environment—to where the winds blow and the waves beat, fully trusting that time, the inevitable adjuster of life, will bring us to the right port unaided by our old-time pilot, a master who has told us just where to "head in."

I AM writing this from a hospital bed where I suffer in the cause of maternity—I ask nothing of life more than complete motherhood. I am not militant except when "riled," and this is simply a protest against your attempt to settle woman's affairs to your own satisfaction in so lordly a way. Possibly you will allow the other view space in your columns.

Mas. George Howe.



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Note that every door hinge is con-cealed. Why did we ever have body sides marred by projecting hinges?

Note the left-side drive, the center control, the deep cushions with high backs. You sit in the car, not on it.

Now we have four forward speeds. We have wide tonneau doors.

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You know that these things are desirable. Now that they have been thought of, and adopted abroad, what car can resist coming to them?

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A rope is run on posts three feet om the edge of the precipice. The sace behind instantly fills with whites from the edge of the precipice. The space behind instantly fills with whites and Indians, who stand apparently unconscious of those six hundred downward feet that yawn at their very heels. We are interested in the crowd, a sartorial motley, a linguistic medley, an ethnological hodgepodge: men of many breeds and garbs; squaws in the gayest silts and sheaths of Moqui Land; ladies in divided skirts and high boots; boys and girls both pale and red; some residents of the State who have seen every dance for years, and others who have never seen one; the long hair of artists or poets or plain unescutcheoned freaks; the thick eyeglasses of scientific-looking folk; the motorists of yesterday from all over the Southwest—with these the squaws who own the houses do a ticket-speculating business that would excite envy in the theatre district of New York, and presently the rank of houses on our right looks like some gay football bleachers.

THE MYSTERY OF THE SNAKES

BEFORE us, halfway up the plaza, and crowded close against the side of the houses, is a wigwam of green, leafy cottonwood boughs, their feet shrouded in gunny bags. This, it is whispered awesomely, is the kisi (kee-sa). Here, we are told, the snakes will be placed. In front of the kisi is a board which will give forth a hellow sound when stowned. front of the kisi is a board which will give forth a hollow sound when stomped upon. The Hopis believe this board marks the umbilical entrance to the un-derworld. We shall hear them stomp upon it to convey messages to their kin who have not yet escaped from subter-ranean depths.

ranean depths.

At four o'clock there is much excitement. Two or three almost naked men appear, carrying sacks that look to be filled with rather lively bologma sausages.

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"The snakes:" everybody hisses at once.

We watch, duly impressed, while the priests stoop, untie the mouths of the bags, and loose the squirming coils into the kisi. Only one of us upon the platform is blasé—the Colonel. And that because, it is whispered, the Indians have this day shown him a mark of especial favor. He has been permitted to witness the awesome ceremony of the washing of the snakes. We ask the Colonel if it is true. He admits it. We ask him what he saw, and he explains that it is very interesting, but, courtesy to his hosts, you know, he really could not. And he is quite right. So we have to find out from some other source; but that is not difficult, since the Government has it all nicely printed in a book.

BEHIND THE SECRET SCENES

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AND here is what the Colonel saw that made him quiver with excitement as he talked about its impressions later. First, of course, the inside of the kiva, dark, rectangular, with horses and other animals rudely sketched upon its walls; a snake altar, a bowl of purification water made holy by many incantations; circles of naked priests, and—the snakes! Yes, so soon after the Michigan vindication, as if in mockery of it, the Colonel sees snakes, dozens, scores, hundreds of snakes.

The scene begins quietly with the circle of snake priests swishing their turkey-feather snake whips, the leaders passing a ceremonial pipe from lip to lip, and

the rattlers letting fly a warning clash of their castanets as if aware of what is coming. Gradually the sense of movement increases, intensity tightens, a low emphatic chant of the priests grows louder and then louder still; eyes of men and serpents glitter; human frenzies kindle; a priest seizes a venomous reptile by the neck, holds it over the purification bowl, and sweeps it up and down, while it writhes and twists about his tile by the neck, holds it over the purification bowl, and sweeps it up and down, while it writhes and twists about his arms; another priest with another serpent, and another, join the first about the bowl; the chant rises higher and higher; all is movement, all is intensity, all is excitement; there is scrambling of priests for snakes; there is writhing and hiss and rattle of the serpents; the chant has become a war shriek, bloodcurdling in its quality, as the snakes are now plunged into the bowl and then hurled roughly upon the sand and meal of the snake altar; more snakes and more; more baptisms and more; more shrieks and more; more serpents swung and hurled about; more confusion; more excitement; more hurrying to and fro of human, frenzied figures; a wild, barbarle orgy, and then a climax!

After that, as the last of the snakes have been immersed and dried in the sand, the song drops lower; motion and commotion decline, diminish, cease. The snakes, happy to be let alone, coil in horribly suggestive shadows in the corners of the kiva, and the priests sink down exhausted. The ceremony of the washing of the snakes, the most weird and terrible rite of the American Indian, is at an end.

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is at an end.

And this is what the Colonel saw. To be permitted to witness it was to receive a mark of very high favor, an honor conferred before that in all time upon no more white men than it takes to make a kitchen cabinet.

THE ANTELOPE PRIESTS

BUT now comes Harry, whose Indian name since he has gained a sacred title no Hopi will pronounce, but which signifies Little Fox, and his title is Hoyahwah-ima, which means Chief Snake Dancer. Harry wears a breechclout and an anxious look. He carries a pouch and is levying tribute, one dollar for each camera in action. Everybody seems to have a black picture box of some shape, and Harry moves on slowly, searching with an X-ray eye until his pouch is full.

And still we wait!

pouch is full.

And still we wait!

The crowd continually diverts itself by taking snaps of the Colonel: when he laughs, a picture; when he eats an apple, a picture; when he declines a drink of soda pop, a picture.

As time hangs heavily the correspondent ventures a doubtful jest: "Colonel, if you had got as many votes as your picture has been taken times this afternoon, you would be President now."

The Colonel cachinnates responsively, and adds:

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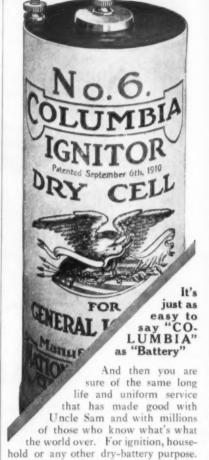
"Yes, if they were electoral votes."

But there is a gleam in his eye which a
guilty conscience interprets doubtfully.

Did he enjoy the jest, or was he only
too courteous not to frown?

But at last, thank the Hopi gods, the
dance.

Enter first the line of the Antelope priests. All hips are kilted; all bodies are bare and smeared with zigzag lines to represent the lightning. Chins are



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painted black; the middle of the face is smeared with white. The leader wears a chaplet of green leaves, and anklets of the same. All is movement, rhythm, earnestness. An awed silence breeds itself in the crowd. As the line wriggles round the outside of the little plaza, we discover that the last half of it is composed of children, apparently from ten te fourteen years. As they circle, the body movement is, while slight, so constant and rhythmic that the senses fail utterly at grasping details and holding them unconfused. Four times about the croquet ground, and the Antelope Order straightens out against the walls of the houses on our right, their center broken by the kisi, which the line flanks on either side.

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Beyond the Antelopes appear a group of gaudy squaws bearing bowls. "The corn maidens!" is the whisper.

THE DANCE

BUT the snake priests are coming.
Again that strange rhythmic action of twenty or more men at once, which takes the eye off detail and holds it enthralled by a kaleidoscopic ensemble of color and action. These faces are made up in a manner quite in contrast with that of the Antelopes; chins are white, middle faces are black, foreheads are reddened somewhat. The effect is to make the features appear larger and the brows almost noble. They carry themselves with an inscrutable dignity which im-

with an inscrutable dignity which impresses more and more as the dance proceeds. Their kits are striped at the bottom in alterthe bottom in alternating black, blue, yellow, and red; otherwise their bodies are bare and painted with black upon shoulders and red upon arms and upon shoulders and red upon arms and legs. Red feathers are in the hair and red fox skins are fastened at the waist, so that the bushy tails just sweep the heels of the dancers. All have moccasins, and one old man, and one oid and one old man, bent nearly double by his years, wears the black claws of bears upon the toes of his.

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One wrist is clasped with a broad bracelet; the other is circled by strings of sea shells of many kinds. Tied about each right leg below the knee is a whole tortoise shell, painted in several colors and having a deerskin flap, fringed with dried hoofs of kids or fawns, which in the motion of the dancing leg strike upon the tortoise shell with a hollow, rattling sound.

As they move there is an unceasing vibration of the whole body, so that the constant click of their ornaments fills the ear and constitutes a tonal atmosphere, out of which the music of the chant rises on half-charmed senses.

In the right hand of each Antelope priest is a tambourinelike disk containing snake rattles. Each snake priest carries a whip of turkey feathers.

Four times the dancers encircle the croquet ground, while first at one end and then the other stands the "bull roarer," giving his best and most prayerful imitation of the roll of thunder upon a distant mesa; and each time the dancers have passed that umbilical board before the kist they have delivered a mighty stomp.

But now they form platoon, facing the kist and the Antelope priests at a distance of but a few feet, and instantly cuter upon that low chant, half music and half motion, which is the most beautiful and impressive part of the dance. Rhythm of action and tone is the basis. The bodies of the snake priests are agitated by what may be described as a crouch-and-recover movement.

The chant begins without words.

Swish-h-h-h! Swish-h-h-! Swish-h-h-!

Swish-h-h-h! Swish-h-h-h! Swish-h-h-h! Swish-h-h-h! Swish-h-h-h! Swish-h-h-h!

These are the strokes horizontally made to the right and the left of the

rattle-bearing disks of the Antelope priests, which give forth a prolonged, rie his

eerie hiss.

During this the snake priests are silent, but the long line of foxtalls at their backs quiver in unison with that crouch-and-recover movement, while their turkey-feather whips move to right and left in exact plane and time with the swish of the rattling disks.

Stomp! Stomp! Stomp!
Hu-yuh! Hu-yuh! Hu-yuh!
Stomp! Stomp! Stomp!
Hu-yuh! Hu-yuh! Hu-yuh!

Hu-yuh! Hu-yuh! Hu-yuh!

This is the response of the snake priests to the rhythmic antiphonal of the Antelope Order, although my phonetics may utterly misrepresent the gutturals which they intone so reverently. Many times this swish of rattles and chant of voices is alternated; then one of the priests stands before the kisi pronouncing an exorcism of some sort. The platoon of snake priests swings into a combination of double and single column; two men and then one, two men and then one, till the whole line is split into these trios. Each pair, as it passes the kisi, stoops and fumbles under the gunny-bag curtains, then rises and the kisi, stoops and fumbles under the gunny-bag curtains, then rises and passes out of sight behind the Snake Rock. When they face us again, moving with a combination of dance and march that is queerly solemn—Ugh! Yes, and again Ugh!!! The inside man has a snake—in his mouth—coiling and writh—

ansake—in his mouth—colling and writhing about his face. As he approaches we observe that it is a rattler about three feet long. We see its eyes glitter and the forked tongue flicker and dart; but the man upon the right keeps it harmless by tickling and teasing it with his turkey feather. That appears to be his position in the game, tickler-in-extraordinary to the snakes that writhe in the teeth of his partner. Twice the triouted.

Now the snake priests face the Ante-lope priests and enter upon a low chant

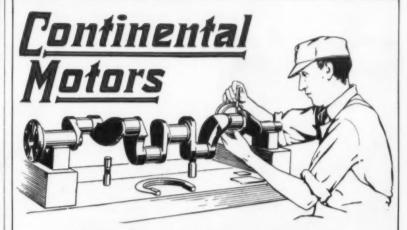
that writhe in the teeth of his partner. Twice the trio circles the plaza, and on the second lap, just in front of us, without touching the serpent with his hands, the snake biter upon a low chant motion of the chin. At this point appears the function of number three in the trio. He, too, is armed with turkey feathers, and he tantalizes the fallen snake for a moment, then swiftly seizes it in his hand and runs off to fall in behind his partners, who by this time have another snake out of the kisi and are once more on their way.

And so the dance proceeds: always this marching double column; always these vibrant bodies; always the air filled with the rattle and click of shells and hollow hoofs: always, except for the short interval between the dropping of one snake and the seizing of another, the inside man of the column, slightly humped over but never missing a stride of that rhythmic, prancing gait, moves forward with a snake in his mouth. The snakes are of several kinds: bull snakes, blue racers, and so on, but the majority are rattlers, and of these the most vicious acting are that short desert breed known as sidewinders.

THE DISCIPLINE OF FEARLESSNESS

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THEY fight every time when dropped to the ground, coiling and recoiling, striking and backing and striking again, keeping the third man jumping warfly, till presently the snake makes a fatal movement to retire or in some way permits his reptilian goat to be got, whereupon the priest suddenly grabs him up with no more concern than if he had been a piece of rope, and goes galloping off to join his partners. Once or twice a lively snake darts in among the line standing with their backs to the clift. There is a hasty scattering, much laughter and excitement, but, to our great wonder, nobody falls over the clift.



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At another time a snake breaks through the cordon of Antelope dancers to where a fringe of ladies sit on stools and camp chairs. There is a sudden flutter. A row of pale faces seems abruptly to fly upward. Somebody swallows a shriek. But an Indian has grabbed the snake and is out with it. So great is the impressiveness of the ceremony that the woman over whose toes a deadly serpent has wriggled forgets to faint and merely presses her way out of that spot, looking pale and distressed. The rhythm of the dance has not been broken, nor its spell upon per-

tressed. The rhythm of the dance has not been broken, nor its spell upon performers or beholders.

More snakes and still more snakes. Finally one man prances by with two in his mouth; still the squirming; still the tonal rhythm; still a strange gravity upon these blackened faces which amounts almost to nobility.

THE COLONEL LIKES FIGHTING SNAKES

ONE of the snake ticklers dreams for ONE of the smake ticklers dreams for a moment. The smake, catching him off the base, turns and plants a vicious jab in the cheek of the man who carries him. The tickler wakes up; his turkey feather brushes the smake from the wound; a tiny red mark appears; the serpent writhes defiantly; but the bit-ten dancer moves on with step unbroken. It is interesting to see all the love of the wild in Colonel Roosevelt come out. He is impressed by the solemnity

of the wild in Colonel Roosevert come out. He is impressed by the solemnity of the dance; but watches snakes more than priests. Every little encounter be-tween the snake upon the ground and the man who is trying to pick him up elicits the Colonel's interest. The bet-

ter fight the snake makes the better the

ter fight the snake makes the better the Colonel likes that snake.

By and by all the snakes are out—two hundred of them, we are told. The helpers are loaded down with snakes; the Antelope priests, even to the smallest boys, have their arms festooned with wriggling coils. The parading stops, The corn maidens advance and strew meal in a circle before the sacred rock. The scudding priests with lightning movements dump all the snakes into this circle, piling the squirming mass higher and higher while the holy meal is sprinkled upon them.

Abruptly a priest snatches handfuls of serpents and dashes away toward the desert; then another and another; east, south, west, north they go, till the confines of the town are reached and the last of the serpents are liberated, to find their way back into the deserts, to whisper their prayers to the gods of the Hopis, the ka-tel-na spirits who live in the center of the earth, to say to them that the Hopis are a good people, that they have been kind to the snakes, and to ask that plenty rain should fall this year in Moqui Land, and plenty of corn sprout in their little oases, and plenty lambs and kids be found in their rockbound corrals.

So ends the Snake Dance!

Except for a purification ceremony which takes place in half an hour on the other side of the rock from the dance plaza as the priests return from the scattering of the serpents, a purification which we witnessed, but which was so thorough it had best be left undescribed and unimagined.

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came down the street and sat himself on the Mulcarty step, armed with a pencil and notebook. He drew Tim out to the last fact, to say nothing of items that bore little or no resemblance to facts.

"And weren't you afraid, Mr. Mulcarty—at the mercy of that great beast, alone in the street?"

Tim struck an attitude. "I was not," he declared. "The thoughts av the wimmin an' helpless childher bore me up. I sez t'mesilf: 'Tim,' sez I, 'sta-a-nd fir-rm, me bhoy! Lave the crewi baste tear-r the guts out av yez if it's set its moind on it,' sez I, 'but sa-a-ve the wimmin an' childher!" "He wiped his eyes on his

sleeve, overcome by the remembrance. When he looked up a moment later, he surprised Mrs. Mulcarty's eyes fixed on him with a curiously dubious ex-pression that tied his fluent tongue for a pression that tied his fluent tongue for a few seconds. But neither then nor afterward, when the Carnegie medal arrived and was pinned on Tim's proud breast, did she question her husband's sublime courage on that occasion. And as often as the bibulous Timmie pawned the medal, Mrs. Mulcarty dutifully took it "out of soak," thinking the money so spent a small and insignificant price to pay for her prestige as the wife of "THE HERO OF SCRUB STREET!"

An Episode at Sea

By SADA COWAN

WE had just been discussing racial differences, in the small

By SADA

WE had just been discussing racial differences, in the smoking room, when the ship's doctor joined us. He sat for a few moments in silence, listening to us boys—who three weeks ago couldn't tell a Chinaman from a Japanese—now airing our newly acquired knowledge as though we were authorities, when he said, just a trifle impatiently: "Yes, they are a strange people, queer and cliquish and secretive. It's much easier to get close to a Jap than to a Chinaman. You never get intimate. The Japs talk more—can't keep their mouth shut. If anything happens here on board," he paused and smiled grimly ("you know, in a little family of eight hundred like this, something or other is bound to happen on each trip), we like to keep those things quiet, and we try to, It's best for the passengers and better for us. Well, if anything does go wrong and the Chinamen hear of it, we've nothing to bother about, but just let those Jap boys, the stewards, get hold of it and it's known all over the ship before you can say 'Jack Robinson'.' A queer lot—like a pack of women! And yet, you know, you can't help liking some things about them. They are so human, so big-hearted, so—Christian. Yes, I know they are heathen—but Christian for all that; everlastingly looking out for each other, helping the underdog, considering the common good. Why, they do things we can't possibly understand and they think nothing of it. Just see what her heavened en this year, trib. considering the common good. Why, they do things we can't possibly understand and they think nothing of it. Just see what has happened on this very trip. They called me late last night to a sick Jap baby down in the steerage. Cute little thing—in pretty bad shape, too! When I came in, a young man—couldn't have been more than twenty-three or four—was walking the floor with her trying to quiet her. 'What have you been feeding it on?' I asked.
"'Tin-can milk.'

"'Condensed?'
"'Ya—condensed.'
"'Feed it yourself?'
"'Me too sick,' he said.
"I got them to show me the can and found that some one had been giving the baby old milk. We got her fixed up all right after a while, then I started in to give the father instructions how to take care of his kid. For it's no joke crossing the l'acific with a seven-months-old baby,"
"I should think not," I answered, being the only one of our party who had had any practical experience with infants,
"And what do you think that young man told me?" the doctor went on.
"Can't imagine," I replied. "What did he say?"

he say?"
"Listen! 'Father? Me no father—me
never seen baby until day before ship go.
Me take baby to grand people in Yoko-

nama.

"I did not grasp the situation at all.

'Do you know the grandparents?' I asked.

"'Me no know grandparents—me no know baby, Me meet baby's father last night—first time. Mother dead—run away—me no know. Me take baby home, that's all!"

away—me no know. Me take baby home, that's all!"

"Yes, sir! That's what he was doing: a twenty-three-year-old boy playing nurse girl to a stranger's baby; lugging that youngster back to strange people, and just because the father was one of his countrymen and the boy was able to help him! Catch one of our American men doing it! No, sir'ee—not much! We're too civilized—too Christian! Christian? Those Pagans could teach us more in half an hour than we have learned in nineteen hundred years. And now you know what I think about it."

The doctor relit his pipe, rose clumsily, and left us looking at each other sheepishly. We hadn't as much to say to each other now about the benefit of European civilization to the Oriental.

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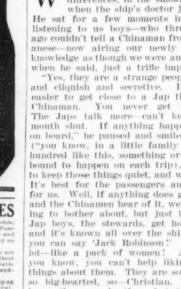
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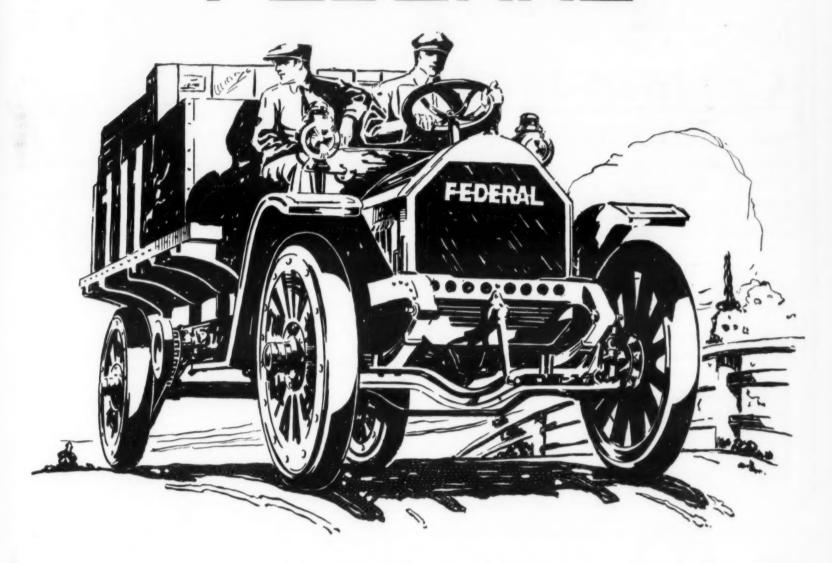
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Brother Alfred (Continued from

They were rattled. There was no doubt about that. They stood looking at him, as if they thought there was a catch somewhere, but weren't quite certain where it was. I introduced him, and still they looked doubtful.

"Mr. Pepper tells me my brother is not on board," said George. "It's an amazing likeness," said old

shall

"Is my brother like me?" asked George amiably.
"No one could tell you apart," I said.

"I suppose twins always are allke," said George, "But if it ever came to a question of identification, there would be one way of distinguishing us. Do you know George well, Mr. Pepper?" "He's a dear old pal of mine." "You've been swimming with him perhaps?"

haps?"

"Every day last August."

"Well, then, you would have noticed it if he had had a mole like this on the back of his neck, wouldn't you?"

He turned his back and stooped, and showed the mole. His collar hid it at ordinary times. I had seen it often when we were swimming together up at the property of the second of th

when we were swimming together up at Bar Harbor.

"Has George a mole like that?" he asked.

"No," I said. "Oh, no."

"You would have noticed it if he had?"

"Yes," I said. "Oh, yes."

"I'm glad of that," said George. "It would be a nuisance not to be able to prove one's own identity."

That seemed to satisfy them all. They couldn't get away from it. It seemed to me that from now on the thing was a walk-over. And I think George felt the same, for when old Marshall asked him if he had had breakfast, he said he had not, went below and pitched into the weakfash as if he hadn't a care in the world. into the weakfish care in the world,

VERYTHING went right till lunch time. George sat in the shade on a foredeck, talking to Stella most of time. When the gong went and the t had started to go below, he drew back. He was beaming.

'It's all right," he said. "What did I you?"

tell you?"
"What did you tell me?"
"Why, about Stella. Didn't I say that
Alfred would fix things for George? I
told her she looked worried, and got her o tell me what the trouble was

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"You must have shown a flash of speed if you got her to confide in you after knowing you for about two hours."

"Maybe I did," said George modestly. "I had no notion, till I became him, what a persuasive sort of gink my brother Alfred was. Anyway, she told me all about it, and I started in to show her that George was a pretty good sort of Johnnie on the whole who oughtn't to be turned down for what was evidently merely temporary insanity. She saw my point."

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"And it's all right?"

"Absolutely, if only we can produce George. How much longer does that infernal sleuth intend to stay here? He seems to have taken root."

"I guess he thinks that you're bound to come back sooner or later, and is laying for you."

"He's an absolute nuisance," said George. We were moving toward the companionway, to go below for lunch, when a boat halided us. We went to the side and looked over.

"It's my uncle," said George,

A stout man came up the gangway.

"Hello, George," he said. "Get my letter?"

ter?"
'I think you are mistaking me for my other," said George. "My name is brother," said George. "My hame is Alfred Lattaker."

"How's that?"

"I am George's brother Alfred. Are you my Uncle Augustus?"

The stout man stared at him.

"You're very like George," he said.
"So everyone tells me."

"And you're really Alfred?"

"I am." brother.

"I am."
"I'd like to talk business with you for a moment." He cocked his eye at me. I sidled off and went below. At the foot of the companion steps I met Voules.
"I beg pardon, sir." said Voules. "If it would be convenient, I should be glad to 'ave the hafternoon hoff."
I'm bound to say I rather liked his manner. Absolutely normal. Not a trace of the fellow conspirator about it. I gave him the afternoon off.

I had lunch—George didn't show up— and as I was going out I was waylaid by the girl Pilbeam. She had been crying. "I beg your pardon, sir, but did Mr. Voules ask you for the afternoon?" I didn't see what business it was of hers, but she seemed all worked up about it, so I told her. "Yes, I have given him the afternoon off."

off."
She broke down. Absolutely collapsed. Devilish unpleasant it was. I'm hopeless in a situation like this. After I'd said, "There, there!" which didn't seem to help much, I hadn't any remarks to make.
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I suddenly remembered the spat in the small hours outside my stateroom door. I hate mysteries. I meant to get to the bottom of this. I couldn't have a really first-class valet like Voules going about the place shooting himself up. Evidently the girl Pilbeam was at the bottom of the thing. I questioned her, She sobbed.

I questioned her some more. I was firm. And eventually she yielded up the facts. Voules had seen George kiss her the night before; that was the trouble.

Things began to piece themselves together. I went up to interview George. There was going to be another job for persuasive Alfred. Voules's mind had got to be eased as Stella's had been. I couldn't afford to lose a fellow with his genius for preserving a trouser crease.

I found George on the foredeck. What is it Shakespeare or somebody says about some Johnnie's face being sickiled o'er with the pale cast of care': George's was like that. He looked green.

"Through with your uncle?" I said.

He grinned a ghostly grin.

"There isn't any uncle," he said.

"There isn't any alfred. And there isn't any money."

"Explain yourself, old top," I said.

"It won't take long. The old crook has spent every penny of the trust money. He's been at it for years, ever since I was a kid. When the time came to cough up, and I was due to see that he did it, he went to the tables in the hope of a run of luck, and lost the last remnant of the stuff. He had to find a way of belding was for a while and near of belding was of a while and near of the stuff. He had to find a way of belding was for a while and near of the stuff. he did it, he went to the tables in the hope of a run of luck, and lost the last remnant of the stuff. He had to find a way of holding me for a while and postponing the squaring of accounts while he got away, and he invented this twinbrother business. He knew I should find out sooner or later, but meanwhile he would be able to get off to South America, which he has done. He's on his way now."

his way now."

"You let him go!"

"What could I do? I can't afford to make a fuss with that man Sturgls around. I can't prove there's no Alfred when my only chance of sidestepping prison is to be Alfred."

"Well, you've made things right for yourself with Stella Vanderley, anyway."
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"What's the good of that now? I've hardly any money, and no prospects.

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I pondered.
"It looks to me, old top," I said at last, "as if things were in a bit of a mess."
"You've guessed it," said poor old Goorge.

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I SPENT the afternoon musing on Life. If you come to think of it, what a queer thing Life is. So unlike anything else, don't you know, if you see what I mean. At any moment you may be strolling peacefully along, and all the time Life's waiting around the corner to soak it to you good. You can't tell when you may be going to get yours. It's all dashed puzzling. Here was poor old George, as well-meaning a fellow as everstepped, getting swatted all over the ring by the hand of Fate. Why? That's what I asked myself. Just Life, don't you know. That's all there was to it.

It was close on six o'clock when our third visitor of the day arrived. There was class to this one. He was a count. We were sitting on the afterdeck in the cool of the evening—old Marshall, Denman Sturgis, Mrs. Vanderley, Stella, George, and I—when he came up. We had been talking of George, and old Marshall was suggesting the advisability of sending out search parties. He was worried. So was Stella Vanderley. So, for that matter, were George and I, only not for the same reason.

We were just arguing the thing out when the visitor appeared. He was a well-built, stiff sort of Johnnie. He spoke with a German accent.

"Mr. Marshall?" he said. "I am Count Fritz von Cöslin, equerry to his Serene Highness"—he clicked his heels together and saluted—"the Prince of Saxburg-Liegnitz," Mrs. Vanderley jumped up.

"Why, Count," she said, "what ages since we met at Washington! You remember?"

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member?"
"Could I ever forgei? And the charming Miss Stella, she is well?"
"Stella, you remember Count Fritz?"
Stella shook hands.
"And how is the poor dear Prince?"
asked Mrs. Vanderley. "What a terrible thing to have happened!"
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"I rejoice to say that my high-born master is better. He has regained consciousness, and is sitting up and taking nourishment."

"That's good," said old Marshall.

"In a spoon only," sighed the Count.

"Mr. Marshall, with your permission, I should like a word with Mr. Sturgis."

"Mr. who?"

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"Mr. Sturgls," explained the Count, "graciously volunteered his services."
"I know. But what's he doing here?"
"I am waiting for Mr. George Lattaker, Mr. Marshall."
"Eh?"
"You have."

You have not found him?" asked the Count anxiously

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"Not yet, Count. But I hope to do so shortly. I know what he looks like now. This gentleman is his twin brother. They are doubles."
"You are sure this gentleman is not Mr. George Lattaker?"

GEORGE put his foot down firmly on The suggestion. "Don't go mixing me up with my brother," he said. "I am Alfred. You can tell me by my mole."

He exhibited the mole. He was tak-

He exhibited the mole. He was taking no risks.

The Count clicked his tongue regretfully. "I am sorry," he said.

George didn't offer to console him.

"Don't worry," said Sturgis. "He won't escape me. I shall find him."

"Do, Mr. Sturgis, do. And quickly. Find swiftly that noble young man."

"What!" shouted George.

"That noble young man, George Lattaker, who, at the risk of his life, saved my high-born master from the assassin."

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"I don't get you," he said feebly.

"We were wrong, Mr. Sturgis," went on the Count. "We leaped to the conclusion—was it not so?—that the owner of the hat you found was also the assailant of my high-born master. We were wrong. I have heard the story from his Serene Highness's own lips. He was passing down a dark street when a ruffian in a mask sprang out upon him. Doubtless he had been followed from the Casino, where he had been winning heavily. My high-born master was taken by surprise. He was felled. But before he lost consciousness he perceived a young man in evening dress, wearing the hat you found, running swiftly toward him. The hero engaged the assassin in combat, and my high-born master remembers no more. His Serene Highness asks repeatedly: 'Where is my brave preserver?' His grafitude is princely. He seeks for this young man to reward him. Ah, you should be proud of your brother, sir!"

"Thanks," said George limply.

"And you, Mr. Sturgis, you must redouble your efforts. You must search the land; you must scour the sea to find George Lattaker."

"'E needn't tyke hall thet trouble," sald a voice from the gangway.

It was Voules. His face was flushed, his hat was on the back of his head, and he was smoking a fat cigar.

"I'll tell you where to find George Lattaker," he shouted.

He glared at George, who was staring at him. "Yes, look at me," he yelled. "Look at me. You won't be the first this hafternoon 'oo's stared at the Mysterious Strynger 'oo won for two 'ours without a break. I'll be heven with you now, Mr. Blooming Lattaker. I'll learn you to break a poor man's 'eart. Mr. Marshall and gents, this morning I was on deck, and I over'eard 'im plotting to put up a gyme on you. They'd spotted that gent there as a detective, and they arranged that Blooming Lattaker was to pass 'imself hoff as 'is hown twin brother. And if you wanted proof, Elooming Pepper tells 'im to show them 'is mole, and 'e'd swear George 'adn't one. Those were 'is very words. That man there is George Lattaker, Hesquire, and let 'im deny it if 'e can."

George got up.

"I haven't the least desire to deny it, 'Unles."

"Mister Voules, if you please."

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"Mister Voules, if you please."
"It's quite true," he said, turning to the Count. "The fact is, I had rather a foggy recollection of what happened last night. I only remembered knocking some one down, and, like you, I jumped to the conclusion that I must have assaulted his Serene Highness."
"Then you are really George Lattaker?" asked the Count.
"I am."

"Ere, what does hall this mean?" demanded Voules.
"Merely that I saved the life of his

Serene Highness the Prince of Saxburg-Liegnitz, Mr. Voules."

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"It's a swindle!" began Voules, when here was a sudden rush, and the girl Pilbeam bucked center, sending me into dd Marshall's chair, and flung herself

to his arms, "Oh, Harold!" she cried, "I thought you

"Oh. Harold!" she cried, "I thought you were dead. I thought you'd shot yourself."

He sort of braced himself together to fling her off, and then he seemed to think better of it, and fell into the clinch. It was all dashed romantic, don't you know, but there are limits.

"Voules, you're fired," I said.

"Oo cares?" he said. "Think I was going to stop on now I'm a gentleman of property? Come along, Emma, my dear. Give a month's notice and get your 'at, and I'll take you to dinner at Ciro's."

"And you, Mr. Lattaker," said the Count, "may I conduct you to the presence of my high-born master? He wishes to show his gratitude to his preserver."

"You sure may," said George. "May I have my hat, Mr. Sturgis?"

THERE'S just one bit more. After dinner that night I came up for a smoke, and, strolling on to the foredeck, almost bumped into George and Stella.

almost bumped into George and Stella. They seemed to be having an argument. "I'm not sure," she was saying, "that I believe that a man can be so happy that he wants to kiss the nearest thing in sight, as you put it."
"Don't you?" said George, "Well, as it happens, I'm feeling just that way now," I coughed, and he turned round.
"Hello, Reggie," he said.
"Hello, George," I said. "Lovely night."

night."
"Beautiful," said Stella.
"The moon," I said.
"Corking," said George.
"Lovely," said Stella.
"And look at the reflection of the stars on the—"
George caught my eye. "Beat it," he said. I beat it.

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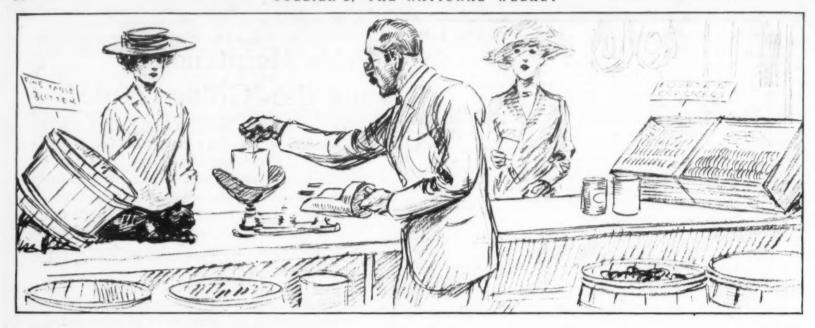
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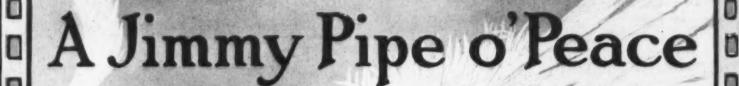
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